MARRAKESH MINISTERIAL MEETING

12-15 April 1994

Communication from the Government of Morocco
PROGRAMME

The detailed programme for the Ministerial Meeting will be communicated shortly.

REGISTRATION OF DELEGATES

Registration of participants will be carried out by the GATT Secretariat using the attached form.

BADGES

Badges will be prepared by the host country on the basis of the registration form. The form should be accompanied by two recent identity photographs in colour.

For accompanying persons, two identity photographs should also be attached so that a badge may be prepared.

For both participants and accompanying persons, the name, first name and country or organization must be written clearly on the back of each identity photograph.

Badges will be handed over directly to delegates and accompanying persons upon arrival in Marrakesh. Details concerning the procedure and place for the issue of the badges will be given later.

It is strongly recommended that the registration form be returned to the GATT Secretariat sufficiently in advance.

VISAS

Participants who require a visa to enter Morocco may contact the diplomatic missions or consulates of the Kingdom of Morocco. Participants from countries in which Morocco has no diplomatic representation or consulate may contact the nearest Moroccan diplomatic mission or consulate.

Measures have been taken to ensure that the embassies and consulates of the Kingdom of Morocco take into account the special nature of the Conference as far as issuing visas is concerned.

It is important not to forget to bring the visa; nevertheless, participants who, for exceptional reasons, have not fulfilled this formality will receive the necessary assistance directly at the airport.

Citizens of the following countries do not require a visa to enter Morocco:

Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Iceland, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Korea (Republic of), Mali, Malta, Mexico, New Zealand, Niger, Norway, Oman, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tunisia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, United States of America and Venezuela.

Citizens of the following countries in possession of diplomatic and/or official passports do not require a visa when entering Morocco:

Belgium, Czech Republic, Hungary, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Pakistan and Slovakia.
AIR TRANSPORT

Air fares

The airline Royal Air Maroc will give the following reductions to all participants:

- 20 per cent on fares in "First" and "Atlas/Business" classes;
- 30 per cent on the fare in Economy class.

These reductions can be obtained from Royal Air Maroc offices abroad, which are shown on the attached list.

Capacity

Royal Air Maroc will ensure that the necessary number of seats are made available on its flights from Europe, either on direct flights to Marrakesh or on flights via Casablanca, in the light of demand from delegations.

Royal Air Maroc has already scheduled two special direct flights to Marrakesh from Geneva (flight AT 929 on 10 April) and Brussels (flight AT 4897 on 11 April).

In order to facilitate transport to Marrakesh for participants arriving at Mohammed V International Airport in Casablanca, Royal Air Maroc will operate shuttle flights between the two cities. Their capacity will be adapted to requirements.

Reservations/flight confirmation

A reservations counter will be set up at the Palais des Congrès and in the major hotels in order to help with reconfirmation.

In order to ensure the best service for return flights, Royal Air Maroc recommends that participants confirm their return flight with its agents in the hotels.

So as to facilitate telephone access to its reservations service, Royal Air Maroc plans to make a special number available for this purpose. This number will be communicated to participants on arrival.

A coordination unit has been set up at the Royal Air Maroc office in Geneva. For information, contact Mr. Fettahi, Royal Air Maroc representative, on the following numbers:

Telephone:  (41 22) 731.59.71
            (41 22) 731.59.72
            (41 22) 731.77.53

Fax:  (41 22) 731.62.82

In order to ensure the best possible transport arrangements, participants are requested to make their reservations as soon as possible.

Labels will be sent to missions in Geneva in order to facilitate identification of participants’ luggage.
WELCOME FACILITIES

Participants will be met at the airport by the Protocol Service of the National Organizing Committee. Arrows will indicate the direction to be followed at the airports of Casablanca and Marrakesh in order to facilitate the transit or exit of participants. At both airports, participants will receive help in completing customs and police formalities.

A clearly signposted information bureau will be open for participants in both airports.

Participants will receive the same assistance when leaving Marrakesh.

In order to facilitate their arrival and transfer to hotels, participants are requested to transmit information concerning their arrival (date, airport, flight number, time of arrival) either directly to the National Organizing Committee (Protocol Service) or through their diplomatic mission in Morocco or Geneva. Their addresses appear in the annex.

A liaison officer will be attached to each delegation so as to meet their requirements on the spot.

PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES

The Moroccan Authorities will grant the customary immunities for international conferences to participants included in the delegation lists officially transmitted to the Moroccan Government.

Participants will be accorded facilities in connection with customs formalities.

The National Organizing Committee should be informed well in advance of any special equipment accompanying the delegation so that assistance with customs formalities can be provided. Such equipment will enter as a temporary import.

The costs (transit, handling, transport, etc.) must of course be met by delegations.

SECURITY

The security arrangements normally in force in airports will be observed in the interests of all participants.

The Moroccan authorities will take the necessary measures to ensure full security for all participants during the Conference.

Delegations accompanied by security agents must transmit the customary information to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation before the arrival of the persons concerned. The Ministry will provide the necessary assistance.

ACCOMMODATION

A number of hotels have been selected to receive participants in the Conference. The rates at hotels in Marrakesh during the Conference are given in dirhams (1US$ = approximately 9.6 dirhams) and include breakfast, in the form of a "buffet" only. The list of these hotels and their rates is annexed to this information note.
A reservations service has been set up for hotel reservations. It will deal with requests from delegations on a "first come, first served" basis. All requests for hotel reservations should be sent to the reservations service at the following numbers:

Reservations Service
Telephone:  (212) (7) 73.85.47
(212) (7) 73.85.53

Fax:  (212) (7) 73.85.60
(212) (7) 73.85.61
(212) (7) 73.85.46
(212) (7) 73.85.52

Telex:  CN GATT 36 572

The reservations service will function as from Wednesday, 23 February 1994.

Requests which have already been sent to the National Organizing Committee, either through diplomatic missions in Morocco or Geneva or directly by participants, will be dealt with according to their date of receipt by the Committee.

Written confirmation will be given to the person making the request.

Most of the hotels are situated near the Palais de Congrès. The furthest hotel is the Palmeraie Golf Palace, which is about eleven kilometres from the Conference venue (15-20 minutes by car).

TRANSPORT ON THE SPOT

A chauffeur-driven car will be made available to Ministers and/or heads of delegation during their stay in Marrakesh.

A shuttle service between the hotels and the Palais de Congrès will be provided. This service will be available free of charge to all participants in possession of a badge.

Participants wishing to rent a car in advance may contact the following car rental agencies:

Avis:  Tel:  (212) (2) 31.44.51  Fax:  (212) (2) 31.11.38
Hertz: Tel:  (212) (2) 31.22.23  Fax:  (212) (2) 29.44.03
Europcar: Tel:  (212) (2) 31.37.37  Fax:  (212) (2) 31.03.60

MEDICAL SERVICE

A medical service will be installed in every hotel and in the Palais des Congrès.

In order to be prepared for any eventuality, procedures for evacuation by helicopter and medical aircraft will be put in place in Marrakesh.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

The National Posts and Telecommunications Service (ONPT) will provide multiservice telecommunications systems support (PSTM) during the Conference, including the following services:
Fixed telephone service

Ordinary communications, using conventional telephones, will go through the Public Telecommunications Network and its range of services:

- collect calls;
- three-way conversation;
- detailed billing;
- direct incoming selection;
- etc.

In addition to conventional telephone and telex services, the following will also be provided:

- multiservice terminals using cards with memory chips capable of deducting telecommunications charge units;
- fax and phototelegraph services for transmitting photos;
- card-operated public telephone booths;
- special links for voice or data transmission.

Toll-free number

This is a free service. The toll-free number 01800303 will be available to participants for information on telecommunications services.

Mobile telephone service

In order to meet the need for personal communications and rapid contact, a full digital cellular mobile telephone service (GSM standard) will be available.

Voice message handling service

This service will be available to all from an ordinary telephone and will allow the exchange of personal voice messages at any time anywhere in the Kingdom of Morocco.

Paging service

This service allows the contact number and/or digital messages to be received by radio.

Data transmission service

This service will be provided by the Maghripac network and will allow users to access computer systems at the national and international levels for the exchange of data, the transfer of files and consultation of databases, etc.

Videotex service

This service allows users to consult databases. A database containing a wide choice of information on the Conference and its work will be set up.
Videoconferencing service

This service will be provided by a network made up of videoconferencing centres and will allow groups of persons both inside and outside Morocco to communicate in a fully interactive environment: sound, picture and data.

Television transmission service

This service will be provided on the basis of a space telecommunications network composed of ground stations functioning with the Intelsat, Arabsat and Eutelsat satellites.

Message-handling service

In addition, two electronic message-handling stands will be available, one at the Press Centre and the other at the Business Centre. These stands will provide the following services:

- electronic mail;
- fax transmitted by PC or terminals;
- telex transmitted by PC or terminals;
- paper print-out for electronically transmitted mail.

OFFICES FOR DELEGATIONS

A standard office (3 m. x 3 m.) will be made available to each delegation. It will be equipped with a table, three chairs, a cupboard with a key, and a telephone. The cost of telecommunications must be met by delegations.

Delegations will be billed for any additional equipment.

In order to meet the needs of delegations (computer facilities, telecommunications, meeting rooms ...), such needs should be clearly listed and transmitted to the National Organizing Committee for the Conference at the latest by 15 March 1994.

BILATERAL CONTACTS

A desk for bilateral contacts between high-level Moroccan officials and members of delegations will be set up in the Palais des Congrès.

BUSINESS CENTRE

A business centre will provide computer and telephone (including Fax) facilities for delegations at the Conference venue. There will be a charge for the services provided by the Business Centre.

PRESS CENTRE

The Press Centre will have audiovisual recording and transmission equipment, post and telecommunications services, working areas, an information centre and offices for press agencies. Press conference facilities will be available in the Palais des Congrès. Requests for press conference reservations should be made to the GATT Information Service before or during the Meeting. A detailed note for the media is being circulated separately.

BARS, CAFETERIA AND TEA ROOMS

The Palais des Congrès has bars, tea rooms and a cafeteria.
EXCURSIONS

Participants, journalists and accompanying persons will be offered excursions and tours from Marrakesh.

These tours will leave from the Palais des Congrès or from hotels. The price includes transport and guide service.

Details of these tours will be given to participants on arrival in Marrakesh.

You should sign up for these tours by 5 p.m. on the previous day, either at the Palais des Congrès or with a liaison officer.

LANGUAGES

The official language of the Kingdom of Morocco is Arabic.

French is spoken by many people.

TIME ZONE

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CLIMATE

The climate in Marrakesh in April is very mild, with the following average temperatures:

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<td>Fahrenheit</td>
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Cotton and linen clothing is the most suitable. In the evening, a sweater may be necessary. The hotels have swimming pools and it will be warm enough to swim.

HEALTH FORMALITIES

No vaccination is required for entry into Morocco.

CURRENCY

There is no restriction on the import and re-export of foreign currency.

Dirhams may be changed back into the original foreign currency at banks upon presentation of the original exchange receipt.

Every hotel has exchange facilities.

As an indication, the following were the exchange rates on 11 February 1994.
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<td>1 US dollar</td>
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<td>1 Canadian dollar</td>
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<td>1 £ sterling</td>
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### RATES AT SELECTED HOTELS

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<th>Hotel</th>
<th>Category</th>
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<td>La Mamounia</td>
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<td>495</td>
<td>645</td>
<td>1,080</td>
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<td>455</td>
<td>720</td>
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<td>333</td>
<td>441</td>
<td>810</td>
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<td>El Andalous</td>
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<td>540</td>
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n.a. = not applicable
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12-15 APRIL 1994

REQUEST FOR REGISTRATION / BADGE

DELEGATE □ OBSERVER □

Name of Delegation or Organization: ________________________________

Name: Mr./Mrs./Ms. ____________________________________________ First name: ________________________________

Title: ____________________________ □ Minister □ Head of □ Delegate □ Other Delegation

Blood group: __________________________________________________

Hotel in Marrakesh: ____________________________________________

ACCOMPANIED BY

Name: Mr./Mrs./Ms. ____________________________________________

First name: ___________________________________________________

Stamp of Mission or Organization: ________________________________

Signature: ____________________________________________________