The Permanent Delegation of the Commission of the European Communities
has requested that the following communication, dated 2 April 1992, from
the Union of Industrial and Employers Federations of Europe (UNICE)
addressed to the President of the Commission of the European Communities,
be brought to the attention of the Uruguay Round participants.

UNICE is convinced that a strengthened multilateral contractual
trading system provides the best guarantee of lasting and equitable
economic development. From the outset in 1986, European industrialists
have deployed their efforts to propose and develop constructive positions,
in close co-operation with Community negotiators, so as to achieve the
ambitious objectives of Punta del Este. When the draft Final Act was
published in December 1991, they considered that, despite its drawbacks,
it constituted a valid basis for negotiations and called for negotiations
to resume rapidly on two essential areas for the future of industry:
market access and services.

Today, UNICE notes with concern that, at the time when the Round is on
the point of reaching a conclusion, the political inflexibility of the
leaders of the main contracting parties on agriculture is curbing progress
in these two areas, may well lead to unjustified concessions on industrial
goods and services, and could even serve as a pretext for the breakdown of
the negotiations. It would be wrong and inexcusable if this should occur,
especially at this time of economic slow-down and loss of employment.

On behalf of all the European enterprises which UNICE represent,
I call on you, Mr. President, to use all your influence, both in the
Community and at the international level, to ensure that the negotiations
lead as rapidly as possible to a balanced global package. All the factors
of success are in the hands of the negotiators. The time has come for the
leaders of the contracting parties to have the political will to bring the
negotiations to a successful conclusion in the general interest.

The European industrialists are ready to lend you their support in
these efforts. To that end, UNICE is inviting each of its member
federations to take appropriate steps at the national level. After so many
declarations and professions of faith, it is finally time to take
decisions.

For your information, a similar letter has been addressed to the
President of the European Council, Mr. A. Cavaco Silva.