GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

CONTRACTING PARTIES
Session at Ministerial Level
15-20 September 1986

SUMMARY RECORD OF THE FIRST MEETING

Held at the Hotel San Rafael, Punta del Este, Uruguay
on Monday, 15 September 1986, at 3 p.m.

Chairman: Mr. Enrique Iglesias (Uruguay)

Subjects:
1. Address by President Sanguinetti of Uruguay
2. Election of Chairman
3. Opening Address by the Chairman
4. Adoption of the agenda
5. Order of business
6. Statement by the Director-General
7. Report on the exchange of information on Services
8. Ministerial statements

1. Address by President Sanguinetti of Uruguay

Mr. Tadashi Kuranari, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan, called the meeting to order.

Mr. Kuranari, Mr. Iglesias, the Director-General and Ministers of Japan, Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Côte d'Ivoire, the Commission of the European Communities, the United Kingdom (for the Presidency of the European Communities), Egypt, Hungary, India, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Nicaragua, Switzerland and the United States greeted President Julio Maria Sanguinetti of Uruguay at the entrance of the building and escorted him into the meeting room, where a band played the national anthem of Uruguay.

Mr. Kuranari introduced President Sanguinetti, who delivered an Address (MIN(86)/1).

Mr. Kuranari, Mr. Iglesias, the Director-General and the above-mentioned group of Ministers escorted President Sanguinetti as he left the building.

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2. Election of Chairman

Mr. Kuranari introduced Mr. Iglesias, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Uruguay, and proposed that he be elected Chairman of the Session at Ministerial level. (Mr. Kuranari's introductory remarks were subsequently circulated in MIN(86)/3.)

The CONTRACTING PARTIES so agreed.

3. Opening Address by the Chairman

The CHAIRMAN made his Opening Address (MIN(86)/2), at the end of which he declared the Session open.

4. Adoption of the agenda

The CONTRACTING PARTIES adopted the agenda proposed in L/6034:

"1. To determine the objectives, subject matter, modalities for and participation in the multilateral trade negotiations."

"2. To consider work done in pursuance of the decision adopted by the CONTRACTING PARTIES on 28 November 1985 on the exchange of information on services."

"1L/5925 and the letter of the Chairman of the Preparatory Committee transmitting the results of the Committee's work (PREP.COM(86)W/50)."

"2L/5924".

5. Order of business

The CHAIRMAN drew attention to the Proposed Order of Business in MIN(86)/W/1. Referring to the Organization of work, he proposed establishment of a "Committee of Heads of Delegations of contracting parties" to meet in parallel with the Plenary meetings as required. He said that since he would chair the meetings of the Committee, he had asked the Ministers of Egypt, Luxembourg and Nicaragua to preside over the presentation of Ministerial statements whenever he was obliged to be absent from the Plenary meetings.

The CONTRACTING PARTIES agreed to the Organization of work suggested by the Chairman.
6. **Statement by the Director-General**

The Director-General made a statement (M1N(86)/5).

7. **Report on the exchange of information on Services**

Mr. Felipe Jaramillo, Alternate Permanent Representative of Colombia to the Office of the United Nations at Geneva, made a statement on the exchange of information on Services (M1N(86)/4).

8. **Ministerial statements**

The following statements were made:

- The Rt. Hon. Joe Clark, Secretary of State for External Affairs of Canada
- H.E. Mr. Clayton Yeutter, United States Trade Representative, Executive Office of the President
- H.E. Brigadier-General (Reserve) Lee Hsien Loong, Acting Minister for Trade and Industry and Minister of State for Defence of Singapore, speaking on behalf of the ASEAN contracting parties
- Mr. Hector Hernandez Cervantes, Secretary for Trade and Industrial Development of Mexico
- H.E. Mr. T. Kuranari, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan
- Mr. Dante Caputo, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Worship of Argentina
- The Rt. Hon. Paul Channon, M.P., Secretary of State for Trade and Industry and President of the Board of Trade of the United Kingdom, speaking for the Presidency of the European Communities
- Mr. Willy de Clercq, Member of the Commission responsible for External Relations and Trade Policy of the European Communities
- Mr. John Sidney Dawkins, Minister for Trade of Australia
Dr. Samuel Alberto Yohai,  
Director, Colombian Foreign Trade Institute (INCOMEX)

Dr. Martin Bangemann,  
Minister for Economic Affairs of the Federal Republic of Germany

The meeting adjourned at 6.45 p.m.