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SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MINISTERIAL CONCLUSIONS RELATING TO THE ACTION PROGRAMME

1. CONTRACTING PARTIES WILL RECALL THAT POINT (vii) OF THE PROGRAMME OF ACTION CALLS ON INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES MAINTAINING THE BARRIERS SPECIFIED IN THE PRECEDING POINTS OF THE ACTION PROGRAMME TO REPORT IN JULY OF EACH YEAR ON THE STEPS TAKEN BY THEM DURING THE PRECEDING YEAR TO IMPLEMENT THE MINISTERIAL DECISIONS AND ON THE MEASURES WHICH THEY PROPOSED TO TAKE OVER THE NEXT TWELVE MONTHS TO PROVIDE LARGER ACCESS FOR THE PRODUCTS OF LESS-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

2. I AM THEREFORE ASKING CONTRACTING PARTIES TO SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE SECRETARIAT, FOR CIRCULATION TO THE CONTRACTING PARTIES, ON THE PROGRESS MADE AND TO INDICATE THE MEASURES THEY ARE ENVISAGING TO TAKE IN THE NEXT TWELVE-MONTH PERIOD FOR ENLARGING ACCESS TO THEIR MARKETS.

3. WHILE POINT (vii) OF THE ACTION PROGRAMME RELATES SPECIFICALLY TO ACTION TAKEN OR TO BE TAKEN BY INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES, IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF THE SECRETARIAT COULD ALSO BE INFORMED, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROCEDURES EVOLVED BY COMMITTEE III, OF MEASURES, RELATING TO TARIFF AND NON-TARIFF BARRIERS, TAKEN BY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN ENLARGING ACCESS TO THEIR MARKETS FOR PRODUCTS OF EXPORT INTEREST TO OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

4. IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF SUCH REPORTS AND INFORMATION COULD REACH THE SECRETARIAT NOT LATER THAN 15 JULY.

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FURTHER, IN RELATION TO THE CONTINUING WORK OF COMMITTEE III, I WOULD LIKE TO INVITE GOVERNMENTS WHICH HAVE NOT YET SENT THEIR REPLIES TO THE COMPREHENSIVE QUESTIONNAIRE (SPEC(64)6 AND ADDENDA) ON TRADE FLOWS AND TRADE REGULATIONS RELATING TO PRODUCTS OF SPECIAL EXPORT INTEREST TO THE LESS-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, TO DO SO AT AN EARLY DATE. THE INFORMATION THUS TO BE OBTAINED IS IMPORTANT, INTER ALIA, IN RELATION TO THE ENVISAGED EXTENSION OF THE COVERAGE OF THE ACTION PROGRAMME.

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