

# URUGUAY ROUND

## OF MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS

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### NEW NEGOTIATING STRUCTURE AND CHAIRMEN AGREED IN TNC

Meetings of the three main negotiating bodies of the Uruguay Round, on 25 April, took note of a new group structure and chairmen for the next phase of work. Mr Arthur Dunkel, told the Trade Negotiations Committee that the new structure was "flexible and result-oriented" and that it was "designed to encourage substantive negotiations and to help achieve political breakthroughs with the minimum delay".

"If we are to prevent a situation of drift in the negotiations, it is clear that we should be making substantial progress in the negotiations in the three months that we have before the summer break", commented Mr Dunkel. "The new structure is, in a sense, a signal that we have shifted gear", he added.

The groups and their chairmen were announced after consultations conducted by Ambassador Rubens Ricupero of Brazil, in his role as Chairman of GATT's Contracting Parties. They are as follows:

- MARKET ACCESS (tariffs, non-tariff measures, natural resource-based products, tropical products).  
Mr Germain Denis
- TEXTILES AND CLOTHING  
Mr Arthur Dunkel
- AGRICULTURE  
Mr Arthur Dunkel
- RULE-MAKING (subsidies and countervailing duties, anti-dumping, safeguards, preshipment inspection, rules of origin, technical barriers to trade, import licensing procedures, customs valuation, government procurement and a number of specific GATT Articles) and TRIMs.  
Ambassador George Maciel assisted by Mr Rudi Ramsauer

- TRIPs  
Ambassador Lars Anell
- INSTITUTIONS, (Final Act, Dispute Settlement and FOGs)  
Ambassador Julio Lacarte-Muró

The Group of Negotiations on Services will continue to be chaired by Ambassador Felipe Jaramillo. Ambassador Jaramillo will now be assisted by Ambassador David Hawes.

Note to Editors.

1. Mr Arthur Dunkel remains chairman of the Group of Negotiations on Goods (GNG) - to which all of the above groups, with the exception of that on services, report - and the Trade Negotiations Committee when it meets at official level.

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| 2. Ambassador Lars Anell      | Permanent Representative of Sweden to GATT  |
| Mr Germain Denis              | Assistant Deputy Minister<br>Multilateral Trade Negotiations<br>Department of External Affairs and<br>International Trade<br>Canada |
| Mr Arthur Dunkel              | Director-General of GATT<br>Chairman of the GNG<br>Chairman at Official level of the<br>TNC   |
| Ambassador David Hawes        | Permanent Representative of<br>Australia to GATT  |
| Ambassador Felipe Jaramillo   | Deputy Permanent Representative of<br>Colombia to the UN, Geneva  |
| Ambassador Julio Lacarte-Muró | Permanent Representative of Uruguay<br>to GATT  |
| Ambassador George Maciel      | Formerly Permanent Representative of<br>Brazil to the UN, New York  |
| Mr Rudi Ramsauer              | Deputy Permanent Representative of<br>Switzerland to GATT   |

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