

URUGUAY ROUND

OF MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS

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ACCEDING COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH URUGUAY ROUND ACTIVITIES

The Trade Negotiations Committee today agreed to allow countries and territories negotiating their accession to the GATT, but not already participating in the Round, to be associated with Uruguay Round activities.

Following consultations, TNC Chairman Peter Sutherland had proposed that the countries and territories affected would be able to be present at formal meetings of established Uruguay Round bodies and to have access to meeting reports.

This action was agreed by the Committee in order to permit acceding countries and territories to familiarize themselves with the negotiations and the likely shape of the multilateral trading system of which they will ultimately be members.

Notes to Editors

1. There are 116 countries and territories participating directly in the Uruguay Round. 111 of them were, or have become, Contracting Parties of the GATT since the Round was launched in 1986. Another five met the participation criteria for the Round by making applications for GATT membership, or announcing their intention to do so, before or shortly after the launching.
2. The countries and territories immediately affected by today's decisions are:

Albania
Bulgaria
Ecuador
Mongolia
Nepal

Panama
Russian Federation
Saudi Arabia
Slovenia
Chinese Taipei