

# **WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION**

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**GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS  
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**ACCORD GÉNÉRAL SUR LES TARIFS  
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## URUGUAY TO HOST GATT MINISTERIAL MEETING

The Preparatory Committee for a new multilateral trade round - established by a decision of GATT's Contracting Parties in November 1985 - held its 5th meeting, 14-16 April. The Committee agreed that the Ministerial Meeting scheduled to start in the week beginning 15 September 1986 will be held in Punta del Este, Uruguay.

### Notes to Editors

1. At their 41st Session, held in Geneva from 25-28 November 1985, the GATT Contracting Parties adopted the following decision:

"The CONTRACTING PARTIES decide that:

- the Preparatory Committee is established to determine the objectives, subject matter, modalities for and participation in the multilateral trade negotiations, taking into account the elements of the 1982 Ministerial Work Programme and the views expressed in the Group of Senior Officials;
- the Preparatory Committee is open to any contracting party or country which has acceded provisionally to the GATT;
- the Preparatory Committee will prepare by mid-July 1986 recommendations for the programme of negotiations for adoption at a Ministerial Meeting to be held in September 1986."

2. Details of press arrangements for the Ministerial Meeting will be circulated later.