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Addendum

Note by the Secretariat

Various texts and legal instruments together with the summings-up of the Chairmen of the Groups and Sub-Groups were presented to a meeting of the Trade Negotiations Committee on 11 April. In general statements, many delegations outlined their positions with respect to the documentation before the meeting and indicated their understandings or interpretations of specific points contained in the texts.

A number of matters relating to acceptance of the agreements and implementation of concessions were also discussed. It was noted by delegations that in certain areas negotiations had not been completed and in particular it was stressed that every effort should be made to conclude a satisfactory safeguards agreement by 15 July for incorporation in the MTN package.

A Procès-Verbal listing the various texts negotiated was opened for signature. In addition to authenticating the results of the negotiations, signature indicates the intention of participants to submit the relevant legal texts or instruments to their authorities with a view to seeking their approval or other decisions on them. Participants are able to indicate that their signature relates only to certain of the texts listed. For participants not in a position to sign the Procès-Verbal immediately, they may do so at their earliest convenience. It was recognized that in terms of paragraph 6 of the Tokyo Declaration, least-developed country participants may need time to examine the results of the negotiations before signing the Procès-Verbal.