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AD HOC CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN INDIVIDUAL LEAST-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND THEIR TRADING PARTNERS - BANGLADESH

Submission by Bangladesh

The following communication, dated 10 October 1983, was received from the Permanent Mission of Bangladesh:

The Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of Bangladesh to the United Nations and other International Organizations in Geneva has the honour to enclose a submission for circulation to the concerned Governments with whom Bangladesh wishes to discuss during the forthcoming ad hoc consultations scheduled on 15 November, 1983 in the Sub-Committee of Trade of Least Developed Countries. As has been indicated in this communication, it may be supplemented by further information before or during consultations if considered necessary.

In accordance with the decisions taken by Ministers at the thirty-eighth session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES in relation to the trade of least-developed countries, the Committee on Trade and Development agreed at its March 1983 session that the Sub-Committee on the Trade of Least-Developed Countries would (a) monitor the implementation of those aspects of the Ministerial Declaration which concerned the least-developed countries and (b) hold consultations between interested least-developed countries and their trading partners on issues related to their development and export interests including the examination of barriers to their trade, and any relevant commercial policy matters. The Government of Bangladesh therefore considers that the forthcoming consultations offer an opportunity to discuss with contracting parties actions which might be taken under the Ministerial Declaration regarding the export interests of Bangladesh. In this submission a number of questions and issues have been addressed to certain trading partners of Bangladesh in the hope that appropriate responses would be forthcoming during the consultations. This submission may be supplemented by further information before or during the consultations if it is considered necessary.

The following list of products of export interest to Bangladesh could be directed in advance to the developed importing countries concerned in the hope that appropriate responses would be given to them during the consultations, including an examination of possible specific measures to improve market access (such as improvements in GSP schemes, the lowering of m.f.n. tariff rates, or the removal of non-tariff measures)

AUSTRALIA

CCCN 4202100 - card cases, smoking requisites, snuff boxes

MFN: 25 per cent

GSP: 15 per cent

CCCN 4911900 - other printed goods, pictures, photographs and the like

MFN: 25 per cent

GSP: -

CCCN 5706000 - yarn of jute

MFN: 20 per cent

GSP: 10 per cent

CCCN 5904900 - other twine, cordage, ropes, and cables

MFN: 20 per cent

GSP: -

CCCN 5906000 - other articles made from yarn, twine, cordage, rope or cables, exc. textile fabrics and articles

MFN: 30 per cent

GSP: -

CCCN 6202990 - bed linen, table linen and other furnishing articles

MFN: 25 per cent

GSP: 20 per cent

CCCN 7112900 - articles of jewellery of rolled gold and under 9 carat other than catches, clasps and points for broaches

MFN: 25 per cent (from 20 Dec. 1984)

GSP: 15 per cent

AUSTRIA

CCCN 5706A - yarn of jute

MFN: 10 per cent (mixed rate - incidence estimated on 1980 trade)

GSP: 6.5 per cent (minimum rate)

CCCN 5710 - woven fabrics of jute

MFN: 25 per cent (mixed rate - incidence estimated on 1980 trade)

GSP: 15.2 per cent (minimum rate)

CCCN 5802 B2 - other carpets other than of silk and cotton (including of jute)

MFN: 25 per cent
GSP: 13.2 per cent

CCCN 5905 - nets and netting of yarn, twine, cordage or rope

MFN: 22 per cent
GSP: 11.7 per cent

CCCN 5906 - other articles made from yarn, twine etc (including of jute)

MFN: 22 per cent
GSP: 11.7 per cent

CCCN 6202 - bed linen, table linen, toilet linen etc.

MFN: 30 per cent
GSP: 15 per cent

CCCN 6203 - sacks and bags used for packing goods

MFN: 28 per cent
GSP: 15 per cent

European Communities

CCCN 0902 - tea

Non-tariff measure - internal tax on tea in bulk:

Denmark-31 per cent
Germany-55 per cent

- internal tax on tea in packages:

Denmark-14 per cent
Germany-32 per cent

CCCN 4102 - bovine cattle leather

Non-tariff measure - discretionary licensing (France)

CCCN 4103 - lamb and sheep skin leather

Non-tariff measure - discretionary licensing (France)

Japan

CCCN ex 0303 - shrimps, prawns and lobsters

MFN: 3.4 per cent
GSP: -

CCCN 1515 - beeswax

MFN: 15 per cent

GSP: 7.5 per cent

CCCN 4102 - bovine cattle leather

Non-tariff measure - discretionary licensing

CCCN 4103 - lamb and sheep skin leather

Non-tariff measure - discretionary licensing

CCCN 4104 - goat and kid skin leather

Non-tariff measure - discretionary licensing

CCCN 5706 - jute yarn

MFN: 8 per cent (temporary rate)

GSP: 4 per cent

CCCN 5710 - woven fabrics of jute

MFN: 16 per cent (temporary rate)

GSP: 8 per cent (under quantitative ceiling)

New Zealand

CCCN 0902 - tea in packings of less than 2kg.

Non-tariff measure - global quota

CCCN 1515 - beeswax

Non-tariff measure - global quota

CCCN 4603 - basket-work, wickerwork and other articles of plaiting material

MFN: 30 per cent

GSP: 15 per cent

Non-tariff measure - global quota

CCCN 5801 - knotted carpets, carpetings and rugs

MFN: 45 per cent

GSP: 27.5 or 25 per cent

Non-tariff measure - global quota

CCCN ex 5905 - net shopping and carrying bags made of twine, cordage or rope

MFN: 20 per cent

GSP: 10 per cent

CCCN ex 5906 - other articles made from yarn, twine, cordage, rope or cables (excluding textile fabrics)

MFN: 35 per cent

GSP: 20 per cent

Non-tariff measure -- discretionary licensing

CCCN 6203 - sacks, bags for packing, of jute and other textile bast fibres (excluding as approved by Minister)

MFN: 15 per cent

GSP: 5 per cent

CCCN 6204 - camping goods other than pneumatic mattresses, pillows and cushions

MFN: 35 per cent

GSP: 20 per cent

Non-tariff measure - global quota

Sweden

CCCN 0303 301- shrimps and prawns in shells, boiled, frozen

Non-tariff measure - licensing

CCCN 6102 505- womens'/girls' blouses of cotton, not knitted or crocheted

MFN: 15 per cent

GSP: -

CCCN 6103 105- mens'/boys' shirts of cotton, not knitted or crocheted

MFN: 15 per cent

GSP: -

CCCN 6202 110/299/799 - bed linen of cotton, table linen of other textile materials n.e.s., curtains and other furnishing articles of other textile materials n.e.s.

MFN: 14 per cent

GSP: -

United States

TSUS 12163 - leather n.e.s., not fancy

MFN: 5 per cent

GSP: -

TSUS 30530 - yarns and roving of plied jute measuring 720 yards or over

MFN: 5 per cent

GSP: free except for Bangladesh

- TSUS 32000 - woven cotton fabrics, not fancy, figured, bleached or coloured, of numbers 01 - 09
- MFN: 5.1 - 6.1 per cent
GSP: -
- TSUS 32200 - woven cotton fabrics, coloured, not fancy or figured of number 01 - 09
- MFN: 7.5 - 8.5 per cent
GSP: -
- TSUS 33595 - other fabrics, n.e.s. woven, weighing over 4 oz. per sq. yd.
- MFN: 3 per cent
GSP: -
- THUS 36015 - floor coverings, pile hand inserted, over 66 2/3 cents per sq. ft.
- MFN: 5.1 per cent
GSP: -
- TSUS 36618 - towels of cotton, pile or tufted construction, not over 45 cents each, not ornamented
- MFN: 10.5 per cent
GSP: -
- TSUS 36624 - towels of cotton, pile or tufted construction over 45 cents each valued over \$1.45 per lb., not ornamented
- MFN: 10.5 per cent
GSP: -
- TSUS 38027 - men's and boys' shirts of cotton, not knitted
- MFN: 8.4 - 21 per cent
GSP: -
- TSUS 38233 - women's, girls' etc. wearing apparel of cotton not knitted or ornamented
- MFN: 6.5 - 16.5 per cent
GSP: -
- THUS 38278 - women's, girls' etc. wearing apparel of man-made fibres, knitted, not ornamented
- MFN: 17 per cent - 13c per lb. + 32.5 per cent
GSP: -
- TSUS 38550 - bags, sacks etc. of vegetable fibres, except cotton, bleached, coloured, non-inflammable
- MFN: 0.1c per lb. + 2.5 per cent
GSP: -

TSUS 38604 - cotton lace or net articles and other cotton articles,
ornamented, n.s.p.f.

MFN: 16 per cent
GSP: -

TSUS 70618 - luggage, handbags and flat goods of unspun, fibrous
vegetable materials n.e.s.

MFN: 5.3 per cent
GSP: -