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COMMUNICATION FROM THE WORLD BANK

The following communication has been received from the Special Representative of the World Bank to the United Nations Organizations in Geneva with the request that it be circulated to the members of the Committee.

In its last two meetings, the Committee on Trade and Development has reviewed technical assistance activities of international organizations relating to the Uruguay Round. In this connection, I would like to advise the members of the Committee, of the Bank's plans to establish and maintain an inventory of research work bearing on issues relevant to the Uruguay Round.

The Bank is inviting notifications on on-going or planned research work. I attach an extract from a notice which will be included in the next issue of the "World Bank Economic Review", which is widely read in the research community.

The inventory will be maintained and annually distributed to interested parties such as negotiators and researchers throughout the Uruguay Round. Details are provided in the attached notice.

URUGUAY ROUND
RESEARCH INVENTORY

The World Bank is compiling an inventory of recently completed research that would be relevant to the Uruguay Round of the GATT negotiations. We are particularly interested in completed research that has not yet been published - working papers, discussion papers, etc. We do not want to duplicate reference services now available for published work but do want to include reports published in series not normally included in such reference services.

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Abstracts should make a particular effort to attract the attention of the negotiating community - to specify the relevance of the research to a particular negotiating issue, e.g., analyses of specific issues should identify the issue and make clear what part or aspect is being evaluated. Returned forms will be compiled according to the negotiating groups (*) then photocopied for distribution to interested negotiators and researchers, so exercise care in filling them in. The World Bank will compile and distribute this research inventory annually until the Uruguay Round is completed, but will not disseminate copies of the listed studies. Requests for copies of the studies should be addressed to the authors themselves. Send completed forms and requests to be on the distribution list of the research inventory to:

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(*) The negotiating groups are:

1. Tariffs
2. Non-Tariff Measures
3. Natural Resource-Based Products
4. Textiles and Clothing
5. Agriculture
6. Tropical Products
7. GATT Articles
8. MTN Agreements and Arrangements
9. Safeguards
10. Subsidies and Countervailing Measures
11. Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights, including Trade in Counterfeit Goods
12. Trade-Related Investment Measures
13. Dispute Settlement
14. Functioning of the GATT System
15. Group of Negotiations on Services