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Communication from the World Bank

The following communication dated 14 June 1989 received from the Special Representative of the World Bank to the United Nations Organizations in Geneva is circulated to the members of the Committee.

In May 1988, I advised you of the Bank's technical assistance plans for developing countries negotiating in the Uruguay Round (doc. COM.TD/W/459 of 19 May 1988). I also reported on the development of Software for Market Analysis and Restrictions on Trade ("SMART") - see doc. COM.TD/W/465 of 29 July 1988 which, as you know, the Bank is sponsoring jointly with UNCTAD.

I would like to update this information, and to this end attach a list of recent and forthcoming workshops co-sponsored by the Bank, and of recent and forthcoming publications.

With regard to the SMART software, I am pleased to advise you that the field trials have been concluded. The software is currently being revised and updated to take account of feedback provided by users during the field tests. In this connection, I should emphasize that, at our request, OECD countries and the European Communities released their data from the GATT Tariff Study for use by developing countries in the field trials.

Bank staff are currently preparing a user manual. Some developing countries are expected to be included in the data base. We will soon request members of the Tariff Study to allow dissemination of their data with the release of the final version of SMART which we expect to be available by the Fall.

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Recent and Forthcoming
Workshops

- 13-14 February 1989 Workshop on Subsidies and Countervailing Duties, Montreux, Switzerland. Organized with the Centre for Applied Studies in International Negotiations (CASIN); partially financed by the Governments of Canada and Switzerland and the Rockefeller Foundation.
- 20-21 June 1989 Workshop on the Multi-Fibre Arrangement, Stockholm, Sweden. Organized with the Center for Business and Policy Studies; partially financed by the Government of Sweden and the Rockefeller Foundation.
- October 1989 Workshop on Global Agricultural Models - The Effect of Agricultural Liberalization, Paris France. Organized and financed with the OECD.
- May/June 1990 Workshop on Services

Recent and Forthcoming
Publications

- January 1989 La Ronda Uruguay: Manual para las Negociaciones Comerciales Multilaterales, J. Michael Finger and A. Olechowski (eds.)
- January 1989 A Research Inventory for the Multilateral Trade Negotiations, 1989, Jalal Jalali (ed.)
- March 1989 The Impact of the Industrial Policies of Developed Countries on Developing Countries, papers prepared by the staffs of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund for the Development Committee
- April 1989 Subsidies and Countervailing Measures: Critical Issues for the Uruguay Round, Bela Balassa (ed.)
- October 1989 Quantitative Methods for Trade Barrier Analysis, Samuel Laird and Alexander Yeats
- October 1989 International Textile Trade, the MFA and the Uruguay Round, Carl Hamilton (ed.)

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A Research Inventory for the Multilateral Trade
Negotiations, 1990, Jalal Jalali (ed.)

February 1990

The Uruguay Round: International Trade in Services,
Patrick Messerlin and Karl Sauvant (eds.)