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On the occasion of this meeting during which the CONTRACTING PARTIES of GATT are rounding off negotiations, preparing for new ones and above all are steeling themselves for the challenge of making all that was achieved in the Uruguay Round a reality, my delegation would like to congratulate you on your dedicated and painstaking work as Chairman of the CONTRACTING PARTIES. We would also like to pay tribute to the Director-General for his effort and total dedication to concluding the Uruguay Round, and to Mr. Arthur Dunkel without whose drive and tireless work we would have been unable to fulfil our task.

In March 1993, Bolivia presented its trade policy in the framework of the Trade Policy Review Mechanism, and at that time note was taken of its determination, its action and the results of the liberal and unfettered economic and trade policy which Bolivia has been implementing since 1985.

The new government in my country is determined to continue and expand upon the policy of further trade liberalization and promoting investment.

Bolivia ended the year with encouraging growth in its gross domestic product and single-figure inflation.

My country harbours great hopes in the Uruguay Round and believes that its implementation will stimulate private activity, attract investment and to a certain extent help improve the population's economic and social conditions.

In order to assist the implementation and application of the agreements reached, my government hopes that the Secretariat will provide prompt and efficient technical cooperation.