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NEGOTIATING GROUP ON AGRICULTURE

Note by the Chairman

1. The Negotiating Group on Agriculture met from 10 to 12 July 1989 to pursue its work in line with the Mid-Term Review Decision on agriculture.
2. In the course of its work under the agenda outlined in GATT/AIR/2802, the Group undertook an initial exchange of views on a submission by the European Economic Community on its Approach to the Aggregate Measurement of Support (NG5/W/96), on a discussion paper by the United States on Tariffication (NG5/W/97), on a communication by the United States on International Scientific Organizations (NG5/W/98), and on a note by the Nordic delegations on the Applicability of the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade to Sanitary and Phytosanitary Regulations and Barriers (NG5/WGSP/W/5). Statements made and discussed in the course of the meeting by Switzerland, the Nordic delegations, by Egypt on behalf of the net food-importing developing countries, and by Mexico will be circulated in due course as documents NG5/W/99 to 102 respectively. Reference was also made in the course of discussion to the statement by Peru at the previous meeting of the Group (NG5/W/94 refers).
3. The Working Group on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Regulations and Barriers will meet close to the next meeting of the Negotiating Group to take up the work programme endorsed by Ministers at the Mid-Term Review. It was agreed that the Mid-Term Review Decision as it relates to sanitary and phytosanitary regulations should be formally drawn to the attention of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, the International Plant Protection Convention and the International Office of Epizootics with the request that the organizations co-operate as appropriate in the work of the Working Group under the Mid-Term Review Decision. It was noted that, to assist in giving effect to the Mid-Term Review Decision, participants in the Uruguay Round Negotiations on Agriculture that are members of the organizations concerned should ensure that their representatives are instructed to promote and accelerate the work of these organizations in harmonizing sanitary and phytosanitary standards.
4. It was agreed that notifications pursuant to paragraph 15 of the Mid-Term Review Decision should be submitted to the secretariat not later than 20 October 1989 and that the secretariat should prepare a draft reporting format for consideration at the next meeting.
5. The Negotiating Group will hold its next meeting on 25-26 September and thereafter will meet in principle on 25-26 October and on 27-28 November 1989. A brief summary of the main points raised in the course of the present meeting will be prepared by the secretariat.