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Negotiating Group on Agriculture

SEVENTEENTH MEETING OF THE NEGOTIATING GROUP ON AGRICULTURE

Note by the Chairman

1. The Negotiating Group on Agriculture met on 27-28 November 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/2884, the Group undertook an initial exchange of views on comprehensive proposals by the Cairns Group (MTN.GNG/NG5/W/128), Japan (NG5/W/131), and Korea (NG5/W/130); proposals by Bangladesh on behalf of the least-developed countries (NG5/W/126) and a proposal on special, differential and more favourable treatment for developing countries by Brazil and Colombia (NG5/W/132). Submissions made and statements circulated at previous meetings were also subject to further consideration. A statement made by Thailand will be issued as document NG5/W/133.
3. The Group received a report on the fourth meeting of the Working Group on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Regulations and Barriers from the Chairman of the Working Group (document NG5/WGSP/3).
4. The Group took note of the notifications submitted by Finland, Australia, Austria, Iceland, Sweden, the European Economic Community, New Zealand and Norway pursuant to paragraph 15 of the Mid-Term Review Decision. Developed countries which have yet to submit such notifications have undertaken to do so as soon as possible. The notifications will be discussed at the next meeting of the Group. Participants were also reminded that compliance reports concerning short-term commitments should be submitted before 1 December or as soon as practicable, and that draft guidelines to be taken into account in the preparation of these reports were circulated as document NG5/W/117.
5. It was agreed that the Group would hold its next meeting on 19 and 20 December 1989, starting at 4 p.m. on 19 December, and its following meeting in the week beginning 12 February 1990.
6. A brief summary of the main points raised in the course of the present meeting will be prepared by the secretariat.