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Group of Negotiations on Goods (GATT)  
Negotiating Group on Tariffs

SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

Technical Note by the Secretariat

1. Following the agreement reached in the Negotiating Group on procedures for the tariff negotiations (document MTM.GNG/NG1/17), participants are requested to submit their proposals, on a line-by-line basis, by 15 March 1990, to the secretariat, in accordance with the model annexed to the above-mentioned document.
2. Participants are requested to provide to the secretariat, at the same time as the submission of their proposals, a summary of the proposal together with a demonstration that it is in conformity with the Mid-Term Agreement (see paragraph 1, second sentence of document NG1/17).
3. Referring to the model annexed to document NG1/17, participants should indicate in the column "base rate" whether the item is already fully bound (B), partially bound (P) or unbound (U). For specific, compound or mixed duties, the ad valorem equivalents (AVE) should also be indicated. In order to facilitate the reading of the lists, the information in the columns "base rate" and "proposal" should be reported, to the extent possible, as shown in the example below:

	Base rate		Proposal	
Specific duty	1.2 \$/kg	B 12.0%	0.8 \$/kg	8.0%
Mixed duty	10.0% or 1.2 \$/kg if lower	U 10.0%	7.0% or 0.9 \$/kg if lower	7.0%
<u>Ad valorem</u> duty		B 5.0%		3.5%

4. Proposals may be submitted in any of the official GATT languages, i.e. English, French or Spanish. In accordance with past practice, the proposals will not be translated.
5. Participants are requested to provide to the secretariat initially 150 copies of each proposal.

<sup>1</sup>The documentation should be addressed to Ms. Y. Davel, Tariff Division, Room 1025, Tel: 739 51 13.

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6. In order to ensure confidentiality, the secretariat will distribute, against receipt, two copies of the proposals stamped "SECRET", each copy being numbered, to the participants who will have submitted proposals (see paragraph 1, last sentence of document NG1/17).

7. In order to facilitate the task of the secretariat in preparing the documentation for the first meeting to review and assess the proposals submitted (see paragraph 2 of document NG1/17), participants who have the means to do so are invited to submit their proposals on computer tape, in addition to the submission of the 150 copies on paper of their proposals mentioned in paragraph 5 above. For this purpose, participants should use the format of the tariff files submitted to the Integrated Data Base (IDB). Participants wishing to adopt a different format or wishing to submit the information on other machine readable media (personal computer diskettes, etc.) may contact the secretariat<sup>1</sup> for further details.

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