

**MULTILATERAL TRADE
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THE URUGUAY ROUND**

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COMMUNICATION FROM URUGUAY

The following joint communication, dated 17 December 1991, and originating from the Presidents of Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay, has been transmitted to the Director-General through the Permanent Representative of Uruguay on behalf of Mr. Gros Espiell as Chancellor of Uruguay.

Meeting in Brasilia on the occasion of the first session of the Common Market Council at Presidential level, we have decided to write to you concerning the final phase of the Uruguay Round, which is of the utmost importance and should be concluded in the coming days.

Our three countries have been active participants and negotiators throughout the Round, and today, as members of the Cairns Group, we consider it our duty to state our views clearly in order to contribute to the final success of the negotiations, which must lead to equitable, global and balanced results.

The capital and decisive importance which Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay, as well as all the other members of the Cairns Group, rightly attach to the agricultural negotiations is a matter of common knowledge.

It is therefore essential that specific provisions on agriculture be suitably included in the global package you are to submit on 20 December, with the support of the Chairman of the Negotiating Groups:

In order to achieve this, taking a global, balanced and comprehensive view of the entire negotiations, the final agreement must guarantee:

- (a) full multilateralization of the mechanisms relating to the liberalization formula;
- (b) differential and more favourable treatment, of genuine practical application;
- (c) an increase in current access;
- (d) an unequivocal commitment that after the initial period of five or six years, effective negotiations will be conducted to ensure further and deeper liberalization of agricultural trade;

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- (e) the opening of trade opportunities through minimum access;
- (f) reduction of export subsidies, in both volume and value;
- (g) effective reduction and revised implementation of internal support;
- (h) rejection of strengthened protection through rebalancing.

The foregoing is underpinned by the full and active support which the Argentine Republic, the Federative Republic of Brazil and the Eastern Republic of Uruguay accord to the position of the Cairns Group and the communique issued at the Ministerial meeting of 9 December 1991.

We want the Uruguay Round to conclude successfully with provisions that ensure the real, positive and immediate liberalization of international trade. We are ready to work energetically in this final phase to attain this objective and sincerely hope that your efforts, which we fully appreciate, will be crowned with success.