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COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE
TRADE NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL

The following communication, dated 29 December 1992, has been received from the Chairman of the Trade Negotiations Committee at Ministerial level, Dr. Héctor Gros Espiell, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Uruguay.

I am writing to inform you that on 4 January next I shall be leaving the post of Minister for Foreign Affairs to take up that of Ambassador of Uruguay to France.

Consequently, and to my sincere regret, I shall not be able to continue as Chairman of the Trade Negotiations Committee of the Uruguay Round.

I take this opportunity to say how much I have appreciated our friendship and the understanding and awareness that we have shared in a cause of such significance for international life, for peace and development, through the promotion of free trade within the framework of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, which has steadily developed among us; and likewise your intelligent and selfless struggle to carry through the great undertaking that the Uruguay Round constitutes.

In particular, I shall always remember our joint effort at the Brussels Ministerial Meeting when we overcame so many daunting obstacles to keep the Round on the right path towards an eventual and fruitful conclusion. And over these years we have maintained constant and all embracing contact, based on our conviction of the need to strive for objectives that we both recognize.

I would greatly appreciate your conveying both to the delegates and to your colleagues in the Secretariat my sincere wishes for the speedy and complete success of your work, and for a positive conclusion of the Round.

In addition, I should like to inform you that the Uruguayan Government remains disposed, as in the past, to make an affirmative response to any request addressed to it that might contribute to the attainment of the objectives of the GATT multilateral trade negotiations which have so greatly honoured us by being designated with the name of our country.

Allow me to assure you of my unfailing friendship and my best wishes for your personal good fortune.