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THE URUGUAY ROUND**

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Statement by H.E. Mr. B.K. Zutshi,
Ambassador, Permanent Representative

The Uruguay Round was an enterprise of great magnitude which we are bringing to a successful conclusion today. The new multilateral trading system, when it comes into effect, will have an impact on the international community in many ways which we may not be able to anticipate now.

As you rightly mentioned, Mr. Chairman, this is an historic moment at the end of a long and tortuous process, often frustrating, but also intellectually stimulating and professionally fulfilling. I consider it a great privilege to have been associated with this enterprise.

As many other speakers have pointed out, we would have liked the results in some areas to have been different and in others, better. But all the same, we welcome the overall outcome and will join with others in accepting and adopting the results.

Mr. Chairman, allow me to pay tribute to your personal efforts in bringing the Uruguay Round to a successful conclusion. Your innate sense of fairness, relentless drive and unfailing intellectual integrity undoubtedly paved the way for this successful outcome. You, of course, built on the shoulders of your predecessor, Arthur Dunkel, to whom we owe a debt of gratitude. We also thank the "Friends of the Chair".

I want to thank the Brazilian Ambassador Luiz Lampreia for the kind words that he spoke about me. India and Brazil have always enjoyed excellent relations and I have had the privilege of knowing previous Brazilian Ambassadors, such as Rubens Ricupero and Celso Amorim. I would also like to mention some other personal friends with whom I have had the privilege to negotiate; these are Rufus Yerxa, Paul Trán and John Schmidt.