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Extract of the 18th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting Joint Communiqué issued in Kuala Lumpur on 10 July 1985.

"57. The Foreign Ministers expressed their serious concern over the continued trend towards protectionist measures in developed countries which seriously affect the exports of developing countries, including the ASEAN countries. They also expressed the conviction that an open international trading system was fundamental for the continued economic progress of all countries.

"58. The Foreign Ministers stated that ASEAN welcomed the launching of the new round of multilateral trade negotiations. Towards this end, they stressed the need to initiate preparations expeditiously. They reiterated the need to fulfil the past commitments of the Tokyo Round, the relevant elements of the 1982 GATT Work Programme and to take into account the interests of ASEAN and other developing countries."