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COMMUNICATION FROM THE UNITED STATES

The following communication, dated 8 September 1987, has been received from the delegation of the United States with the request that it be circulated to members of the Group.

ORGANIZATION OF WORK FOR THE URUGUAY ROUND
NEGOTIATING GROUP ON GATT ARTICLES

Proposal by the United States Delegation

The Delegation of the United States proposes that the work of the Uruguay Round Negotiating Group on GATT Articles be organized in the following manner in accordance with the Group's negotiating plan.

Initial Phase

"Requests by interested contracting parties for review of GATT Articles, provisions and disciplines, indicating why they consider that these should be the subject of negotiations. Factual background papers by the secretariat on these Articles, provisions and disciplines. Review, following requests by participants, of GATT Articles, provisions and disciplines, with a view to determining issues on which negotiations are appropriate.

- To fulfill the mandate of the Negotiating Group's initial phase, the United States proposes that, during the remaining meetings in 1987, participants continue to table requests for review and discussion of GATT Articles of interest to them, providing explanations of why these Articles should be subject to negotiations.
- At the Negotiating Group's last meeting to be held in 1987, the Secretariat will develop a list of Articles that have been tabled and discussed during 1987. This list will constitute the Articles which will be subject to negotiations, beginning at the Group's first meeting in 1988.
- Participants will be able to add Articles, provisions disciplines and issues to this list during the Group's subsequent negotiating process in accordance with the Chairman's understanding.

Subsequent Negotiating Process

"Tabling of specific texts by contracting parties on issues so identified for negotiation. Review and analysis of these proposals. Negotiations on the basis established."

- To fulfill the mandate of the Negotiating Group's subsequent negotiating process, the United States proposes that, prior to each meeting, the Chairman circulate an agenda listing Articles to be considered during that meeting, based on consultations with interested participants. At each meeting, each Article on the agenda should be accorded adequate time for negotiation.