

**MULTILATERAL TRADE  
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THE URUGUAY ROUND**

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PROPOSAL BY NEW ZEALAND

The following communication, dated 10 November 1987, has been received from New Zealand with the request that it be circulated to the members of the Group.

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In accordance with the Negotiating Plan for this Group New Zealand proposes that:

- (a) Contracting parties agree to a formula for reducing all tariffs on processed and unprocessed tropical products to a maximum level of X per cent.
- (b) Contracting parties agree to bind all tariffs on tropical products at the maximum level of X per cent, from a date to be agreed. All tariffs on tropical products currently below X per cent would be bound at their existing levels.
- (c) Request and offer negotiations could be held to achieve reductions below X per cent. Such rates would be bound at their new reduced levels from a date to be agreed.
- (d) Contracting parties agree to a formula and timetable for the reduction or elimination, as appropriate, of all NTMs.
- (e) These elements of the agreement would be implemented by all contracting parties.
- (f) Agreement should be reached within the next twelve months and liberalization begin in 1989.