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REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Communication from the EEC

The following communication dated 6 April 1988 has been received from the European Communities with the request that it be circulated to the members of the Group.

I enclose copies of letters addressed by the Community to countries not presently covered by the secretariat's documentation, asking for additional information concerning their trade measures in the field of tropical products.

I would appreciate if you could make these documents available to all participants in the Negotiating Group on Tropical Products.



Permanent Delegation
to the international
organizations in Geneva

The Head of Delegation

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Geneva,5 April 1988.....

Subject : Uruguay Round - Tropical Products

che Julio,

From the outset of these negotiations on tropical products, the Community has attached importance to establishing the broadest possible documentation on existing trade regimes and present trade flows in this area as a basis for a transparent negotiating process.

The Negotiating Group on Tropical Products adopted on 28 January 1988 procedures for the conduct of negotiations in this field (MTN/GNG/NG6/W/23) which contain in its paragraph (ii) the possibility to request additional (and/or complementary) information on trade policy measures.

In this context, the Community is aware of a communication by Uruguay to the Committee on Trade in Agriculture (AG/FOR/URU/1) (copy attached). Could Uruguay confirm that the information contained in this document on measures affecting trade in tropical products is still valid and that it can be used in the Negotiating Group on Tropical Products? Could Uruguay extend the scope of the above document to cover all tropical products identified in the GATT Secretariat's documentation (MTN.GNG.NG6/W/6).

Similar requests for additional information will be addressed by the Community to a large number of countries not presently covered by the documentation prepared by the GATT Secretariat.

The aim of this initiative is to draw a complete picture of trade barriers, both tariff and non-tariff ones, affecting trade in tropical products, as a basis for a comprehensive negotiation in line with the objectives set out in the Punta del Este Declaration.

avec le autre documents

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Permanent Delegation
to the international
organizations in Geneva

The Head of Delegation

Geneva, 5 April 1988

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Subject : Uruguay Round - Tropical Products

Dear Ambassador,

From the outset of these negotiations on tropical products, the Community has attached importance to establishing the broadest possible documentation on existing trade regimes and present trade flows in this area as a basis for a transparent negotiating process.

The Negotiating Group on Tropical Products adopted on 28 January 1988 procedures for the conduct of negotiations in this field (MTN/GNG/NG6/W/23) which contain in its paragraph (ii) the possibility to request additional (and/or complementary) information on trade policy measures.

In this context, the Community wishes to request Romania to provide for the seven product groups so far identified information on recent trade flows (essentially imports by tariff line) as well as on the present import regime, including licencing procedures required and other non-tariff measures. Could Romania also provide information relating to internal taxes concerning tropical products and elaborate on preferential and/or bilateral arrangements containing special provisions for tropical products, if any?

Similar requests for additional information will be addressed by the Community to a large number of countries not presently covered by the documentation prepared by the GATT Secretariat.

The aim of this initiative is to draw a complete picture of trade barriers, both tariff and non-tariff ones, affecting trade in tropical products, as a basis for a comprehensive negotiation in line with the objectives set out in the Punta del Este Declaration.

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Commission of the European Communities
Permanent Delegation to the International
Organizations in Geneva

5 April 1988

The Head of Delegation

Subject: Uruguay Round - Tropical Products

Dear Mr. Ambassador,

Since the beginning of these negotiations on tropical products, the Community has endeavoured to prepare the fullest possible documentation concerning existing trade régimes and recent trade flows as the basis for a transparent negotiating process.

On 28 January 1988, the Negotiating Group on Tropical Products adopted the procedures for negotiations in this sector (MTN.GNG/NG6/W/23) which provide, in paragraph (ii), for the possibility of requesting additional (and/or complementary) information on trade policy measures.

In this context, the Community requests Tunisia to submit to the Negotiating Group detailed information, if possible at the tariff heading level, concerning trade policy measures applied in Tunisia with regard to the seven groups of tropical products identified in the GATT secretariat documentation (MTN.GNG/NG6/W/6). Could Tunisia also submit information on trade flows for the same products?

The Community will address similar requests for additional information to a large number of countries currently not covered by the documentation prepared by the GATT secretariat. The purpose of this initiative is to take stock of all tariff and non-tariff barriers affecting trade in tropical products with a view to allowing full negotiations in conformity with the objectives set out in the Punta del Este Declaration.

Yours truly,

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cc: GATT secretariat for circulation to the
Negotiating Group on Tropical Products



Permanent Delegation
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organizations in Geneva

The Head of Delegation

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Subject : Uruguay Round - Tropical Products

Geneva, 5 April 1988

Cher Collègue,

From the outset of these negotiations on tropical products, the Community has attached importance to establishing the broadest possible documentation on existing trade regimes and present trade flows in this area as a basis for a transparent negotiating process.

The Negotiating Group on Tropical Products adopted on 28 January 1988 procedures for the conduct of negotiations in this field (MTN/GNG/NG6/W/23) which contain in its paragraph (ii) the possibility to request additional (and/or complementary) information on trade policy measures.

In this context, the Community wishes to request Poland to provide for the seven product groups so far identified information on recent trade flows (essentially imports by tariff line) as well as on the present import regime, including licencing procedures required and other non-tariff measures. Could Poland also provide information relating to internal taxes concerning tropical products and elaborate on preferential and/or bilateral arrangements containing special provisions for tropical products, if any?

Similar requests for additional information will be addressed by the Community to a large number of countries not presently covered by the documentation prepared by the GATT Secretariat.

The aim of this initiative is to draw a complete picture of trade barriers, both tariff and non-tariff ones, affecting trade in tropical products, as a basis for a comprehensive negotiation in line with the objectives set out in the Punta del Este Declaration.

Avec mes meilleures compliments

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Permanent Delegation
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The Head of Delegation

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Subject : Uruguay Round - Tropical Products

Geneva, 5 April 1988

Dear Ambassador,

From the outset of these negotiations on tropical products, the Community has attached importance to establishing the broadest possible documentation on existing trade regimes and present trade flows in this area as a basis for a transparent negotiating process.

The Negotiating Group on Tropical Products adopted on 28 January 1988 procedures for the conduct of negotiations in this field (MTN/GNG/NG6/W/23) which contain in its paragraph (ii) the possibility to request additional (and/or complementary) information on trade policy measures.

In this context, the Community wishes to request Thailand to submit to the Negotiating Group on Tropical Products information, if possible on the tariff line level, on measures implemented by Thailand affecting trade in the seven tropical product groups as identified in the GATT Secretariat's documentation (MTN.GNG.NG6/W/6).

More specifically, could Thailand confirm whether import licences are required for the import of coffee, tea, natural fibre bags, wood products and jute products ?

Similar requests for additional information will be addressed by the Community to a large number of countries not presently covered by the documentation prepared by the GATT Secretariat.

The aim of this initiative is to draw a complete picture of trade barriers, both tariff and non-tariff ones, affecting trade in tropical products, as a basis for a comprehensive negotiation in line with the objectives set out in the Punta del Este Declaration.

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The Head of Delegation

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Subject : Uruguay Round - Tropical Products

Geneva, 5 April 1988

Cher collègue,

From the outset of these negotiations on tropical products, the Community has attached importance to establishing the broadest possible documentation on existing trade regimes and present trade flows in this area as a basis for a transparent negotiating process.

The Negotiating Group on Tropical Products adopted on 28 January 1988 procedures for the conduct of negotiations in this field (MTN/GNG/NG6/W/23) which contain in its paragraph (ii) the possibility to request additional (and/or complementary) information on trade policy measures.

In this context, the Community wishes to request Czechoslovakia to provide for the seven product groups so far identified information on recent trade flows (essentially imports by tariff line) as well as on the present import regime, including licencing procedures required and other non-tariff measures. Could Czechoslovakia also provide information relating to internal taxes concerning tropical products and elaborate on preferential and/or bilateral arrangements containing special provisions for tropical products, if any?

Similar requests for additional information will be addressed by the Community to a large number of countries not presently covered by the documentation prepared by the GATT Secretariat.

The aim of this initiative is to draw a complete picture of trade barriers, both tariff and non-tariff ones, affecting trade in tropical products, as a basis for a comprehensive negotiation in line with the objectives set out in the Punta del Este Declaration.

avec la confiance de l'Etat à m'élaborer

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Permanent Delegation
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The Head of Delegation

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5 April 1988

Geneva,

Subject : Uruguay Round - Tropical Products

Dear Ambassador,

From the outset of these negotiations on tropical products, the Community has attached importance to establishing the broadest possible documentation on existing trade regimes and present trade flows in this area as a basis for a transparent negotiating process.

The Negotiating Group on Tropical Products adopted on 28 January 1988 procedures for the conduct of negotiations in this field (MTN/GNG/NG6/W/23) which contain in its paragraph (ii) the possibility to request additional (and/or complementary) information on trade policy measures.

In this context, the Community wishes to request Egypt to provide details, if possible on the tariff line level, on the tariff and non-tariff measures implemented by Egypt as regards the seven tropical product groups as identified in the relevant GATT documentation (MTN.GNG/NG6/W/6). Could Egypt also provide trade data for these products ?

Similar requests for additional information will be addressed by the Community to a large number of countries not presently covered by the documentation prepared by the GATT Secretariat.

The aim of this initiative is to draw a complete picture of trade barriers, both tariff and non-tariff ones, affecting trade in tropical products, as a basis for a comprehensive negotiation in line with the objectives set out in the Punta del Este Declaration.

Warm regards,

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Geneva,5 April 1988.....

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Subject : Uruguay Round - Tropical Products

From the outset of these negotiations on tropical products, the Community has attached importance to establishing the broadest possible documentation on existing trade regimes and present trade flows in this area as a basis for a transparent negotiating process.

The Negotiating Group on Tropical Products adopted on 28 January 1988 procedures for the conduct of negotiations in this field (MTN/GNG/NG6/W/23) which contain in its paragraph (ii) the possibility to request additional (and/or complementary) information on trade policy measures.

In this context, the Community is aware of a communication by India to the Committee on Trade in Agriculture (AG/FOR/IND/1) (copy attached). Could India ascertain whether the data in this document on measures affecting trade in tropical products are still valid and that they can be used in the Negotiating Group?

Furthermore, could India provide information on the import regime for products falling within product groups 3 and 7, as identified in the relevant GATT documentation (MTN.GNG.NG6/W/6).

Does trade data exist for these products? Does India provide export subsidies for tea and tea products, jute and coin products?

Similar requests for additional information will be addressed by the Community to a large number of countries not presently covered by the documentation prepared by the GATT Secretariat.

The aim of this initiative is to draw a complete picture of trade barriers, both tariff and non-tariff ones, affecting trade in tropical products, as a basis for a comprehensive negotiation in line with the objectives set out in the Punta del Este Declaration.

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Permanent Delegation
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organizations in Geneva
The Head of Delegation

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Geneva,5 April 1988.....

Subject : Uruguay Round - Tropical Products

Tre cher ambassadeur,

From the outset of these negotiations on tropical products, the Community has attached importance to establishing the broadest possible documentation on existing trade regimes and present trade flows in this area as a basis for a transparent negotiating process.

The Negotiating Group on Tropical Products adopted on 28 January 1988 procedures for the conduct of negotiations in this field (MTN/GNG/NG6/W/23) which contain in its paragraph (ii) the possibility to request additional (and/or complementary) information on trade policy measures.

In this context, the Community wishes to request Turkey to provide details, if possible on the tariff line level, on trade measures implemented by Turkey as regards the seven tropical product groups identified in the relevant GATT documentation (MTN.GNG/NG6/W/6). Could Turkey also provide data on the import flows for these products?

Similar requests for additional information will be addressed by the Community to a large number of countries not presently covered by the documentation prepared by the GATT Secretariat.

The aim of this initiative is to draw a complete picture of trade barriers, both tariff and non-tariff ones, affecting trade in tropical products, as a basis for a comprehensive negotiation in line with the objectives set out in the Punta del Este Declaration.

Avec toute sympathie,

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1209 GENEVA



Permanent Delegation
to the International
organizations in Geneva

The Head of Delegation

Geneva,5 April 1988.....

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Subject : Uruguay Round - Tropical Products

Dear Ambassador,

From the outset of these negotiations on tropical products, the Community has attached importance to establishing the broadest possible documentation on existing trade regimes and present trade flows in this area as a basis for a transparent negotiating process.

The Negotiating Group on Tropical Products adopted on 28 January 1988 procedures for the conduct of negotiations in this field (MTN/GNG/NG6/W/23) which contain in its paragraph (ii) the possibility to request additional (and/or complementary) information on trade policy measures.

In this context, the Community requests Iceland to provide background information on the seven product groups covered by the negotiations, similar to that already established by the GATT Secretariat for eleven developed markets.

Similar requests for additional information will be addressed by the Community to a large number of countries not presently covered by the documentation prepared by the GATT Secretariat.

The aim of this initiative is to draw a complete picture of trade barriers, both tariff and non-tariff ones, affecting trade in tropical products, as a basis for a comprehensive negotiation in line with the objectives set out in the Punta del Este Declaration.

Warm regards,

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COMMISSION
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Permanent Delegation
to the international
organizations in Geneva
The Head of Delegation

Geneva, 5 April 1988

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Subject : Uruguay Round - Tropical Products

Dear Ambassador,

From the outset of these negotiations on tropical products, the Community has attached importance to establishing the broadest possible documentation on existing trade regimes and present trade flows in this area as a basis for a transparent negotiating process.

The Negotiating Group on Tropical Products adopted on 28 January 1988 procedures for the conduct of negotiations in this field (MTN/GNG/NG6/W/23) which contain in its paragraph (ii) the possibility to request additional (and/or complementary) information on trade policy measures.

In this context, the Community requests Kuwait to provide background information on the seven product groups covered by the negotiations, similar to that already established by the GATT Secretariat for eleven developed markets.

Similar requests for additional information will be addressed by the Community to a large number of countries not presently covered by the documentation prepared by the GATT Secretariat.

The aim of this initiative is to draw a complete picture of trade barriers, both tariff and non-tariff ones, affecting trade in tropical products, as a basis for a comprehensive negotiation in line with the objectives set out in the Punta del Este Declaration.

Yours,

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Permanent Delegation
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organizations in Geneva

The Head of Delegation

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Geneva, 5 April 1988

Subject : Uruguay Round - Tropical Products

Dear colleagues

From the outset of these negotiations on tropical products, the Community has attached importance to establishing the broadest possible documentation on existing trade regimes and present trade flows in this area as a basis for a transparent negotiating process.

The Negotiating Group on Tropical Products adopted on 28 January 1988 procedures for the conduct of negotiations in this field (MTN/GNG/NG6/W/23) which contain in its paragraph (ii) the possibility to request additional (and/or complementary) information on trade policy measures.

In this context, the Community requests Hong-Kong to provide background information on the seven product groups covered by the negotiations, similar to that already established by the GATT Secretariat for eleven developed markets.

Similar requests for additional information will be addressed by the Community to a large number of countries not presently covered by the documentation prepared by the GATT Secretariat.

The aim of this initiative is to draw a complete picture of trade barriers, both tariff and non-tariff ones, affecting trade in tropical products, as a basis for a comprehensive negotiation in line with the objectives set out in the Punta del Este Declaration.

Warm regards

Tran Van-Thinh

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1202 GENEVA



Permanent Delegation
to the International
organizations in Geneva
The Head of Delegation

Geneva, 5 April 1988

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Subject : Uruguay Round - Tropical Products

Dear Ambassador,

From the outset of these negotiations on tropical products, the Community has attached importance to establishing the broadest possible documentation on existing trade regimes and present trade flows in this area as a basis for a transparent negotiating process.

The Negotiating Group on Tropical Products adopted on 28 January 1988 procedures for the conduct of negotiations in this field (MTN/GNG/NG6/W/23) which contain in its paragraph (ii) the possibility to request additional (and/or complementary) information on trade policy measures.

In this context, the Community requests Singapore to provide background information on the seven product groups covered by the negotiations, similar to that already established by the GATT Secretariat for eleven developed markets.

Similar requests for additional information will be addressed by the Community to a large number of countries not presently covered by the documentation prepared by the GATT Secretariat.

The aim of this initiative is to draw a complete picture of trade barriers, both tariff and non-tariff ones, affecting trade in tropical products, as a basis for a comprehensive negotiation in line with the objectives set out in the Punta del Este Declaration.

Warmest regards,

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Permanent Delegation
to the International
Organizations in Geneva

The Head of Delegation

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Geneva,5 April 1988.....

Subject : Uruguay Round - Tropical Products

Cher Ambassadeur et Ami,

From the outset of these negotiations on tropical products, the Community has attached importance to establishing the broadest possible documentation on existing trade regimes and present trade flows in this area as a basis for a transparent negotiating process.

The Negotiating Group on Tropical Products adopted on 28 January 1988 procedures for the conduct of negotiations in this field (MTN/GNG/NG6/W/23) which contain in its paragraph (ii) the possibility to request additional (and/or complementary) information on trade policy measures.

In this context, the Community requests Israël to provide background information on the seven product groups covered by the negotiations, similar to that already established by the GATT Secretariat for eleven developed markets.

Similar requests for additional information will be addressed by the Community to a large number of countries not presently covered by the documentation prepared by the GATT Secretariat.

The aim of this initiative is to draw a complete picture of trade barriers, both tariff and non-tariff ones, affecting trade in tropical products, as a basis for a comprehensive negotiation in line with the objectives set out in the Punta del Este Declaration.

Avec la sympathie,

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Permanent Delegation
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organizations in Geneva
The Head of Delegation

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Geneva, 5 April 1988

Subject : Uruguay Round - Tropical Products

Dear Ambassador,

From the outset of these negotiations on tropical products, the Community has attached importance to establishing the broadest possible documentation on existing trade regimes and present trade flows in this area as a basis for a transparent negotiating process.

The Negotiating Group on Tropical Products adopted on 28 January 1988 procedures for the conduct of negotiations in this field (MTN/GNG/NG6/W/23) which contain in its paragraph (ii) the possibility to request additional (and/or complementary) information on trade policy measures.

In this context, the Community requests Korea to provide background information on the seven product groups covered by the negotiations, similar to that already established by the GATT Secretariat for eleven developed markets.

Similar requests for additional information will be addressed by the Community to a large number of countries not presently covered by the documentation prepared by the GATT Secretariat.

The aim of this initiative is to draw a complete picture of trade barriers, both tariff and non-tariff ones, affecting trade in tropical products, as a basis for a comprehensive negotiation in line with the objectives set out in the Punta del Este Declaration.

Warmest regards,

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Permanent Delegation
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The Head of Delegation

Geneva, 5 April 1988

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Subject : Uruguay Round - Tropical Products

Che Ambassador et Am,

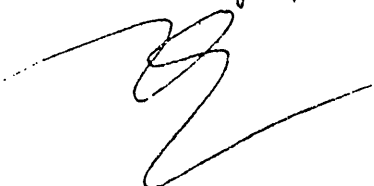
From the outset of these negotiations on tropical products, the Community has attached importance to establishing the broadest possible documentation on existing trade regimes and present trade flows in this area as a basis for a transparent negotiating process.

The Negotiating Group on Tropical Products adopted on 28 January 1988 procedures for the conduct of negotiations in this field (MTN/GNG/NG6/W/23) which contain in its paragraph (ii) the possibility to request additional (and/or complementary) information on trade policy measures.

In this context, the Community requests Yugoslavia to provide background information on the seven product groups covered by the negotiations, similar to that already established by the GATT Secretariat for eleven developed markets.

Similar requests for additional information will be addressed by the Community to a large number of countries not presently covered by the documentation prepared by the GATT Secretariat.

The aim of this initiative is to draw a complete picture of trade barriers, both tariff and non-tariff ones, affecting trade in tropical products, as a basis for a comprehensive negotiation in line with the objectives set out in the Punta del Este Declaration.

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COMMISSION
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Permanent Delegation
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The Head of Delegation

Geneva, 5 April 1988

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Subject : Uruguay Round - Tropical Products

Che Rubens

From the outset of these negotiations on tropical products, the Community has attached importance to establishing the broadest possible documentation on existing trade regimes and present trade flows in this area as a basis for a transparent negotiating process.

The Negotiating Group on Tropical Products adopted on 28 January 1988 procedures for the conduct of negotiations in this field (MTN/GNG/NG6/W/23) which contain in its paragraph (ii) the possibility to request additional (and/or complementary) information on trade policy measures.

In this context, the Community is aware of a Brazilian communication to the Committee on Trade in Agriculture (AG/FOR/BRA/2) dated 16 April 1984. Could Brazil ascertain that the information on tropical products contained in the above document is still valid and that it can be used by the Negotiating Group on Tropical Products ?

As regards non-agricultural tropical products, could Brazil confirm that duties for products within Groups 3 and 7 (as identified in Doc MTN.GNG/NG6/W/6) range from 45% to 105% and provide a list of tariff rates applied for those products on a tariff line level ? Could further data be supplied on non-tariff-barriers and trade flows for these products ?

Could Brazil provide details on the export regime (including minimum export price and taxation) for raw coffee and coffee products ?

Could Brazil provide details on its double pricing system for sisal and sisal products ?

Similar requests for additional information will be addressed by the Community to a large number of countries not presently covered by the documentation prepared by the GATT Secretariat.

The aim of this initiative is to draw a complete picture of trade barriers, both tariff and non-tariff ones, affecting trade in tropical products, as a basis for a comprehensive negotiation in line with the objectives set out in the Punta del Este Declaration.

Avec toute ma amitié,

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Permanent Delegation
to the international
organizations in Geneva
The Head of Delegation

Geneva, 5 April 1988.....

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Subject : Uruguay Round - Tropical Products

Dear Ambassador,

From the outset of these negotiations on tropical products, the Community has attached importance to establishing the broadest possible documentation on existing trade regimes and present trade flows in this area as a basis for a transparent negotiating process.

The Negotiating Group on Tropical Products adopted on 28 January 1988 procedures for the conduct of negotiations in this field (MTN/GNG/NG6/W/23) which contain in its paragraph (ii) the possibility to request additional (and/or complementary) information on trade policy measures.

In this context, the Community is aware of a notification by Chile to the Committee on Trade in Agriculture (AG/FOR/REV/CHL/7) dated 31 July 1987. Could Chile ascertain whether the data in this document on measures and policies affecting trade in tropical products are still valid and that it can be used in the Negotiating Group ?

Could Chile provide similar information on tropical products not covered by the above document and submit recent trade data on a tariff line level for all these tropical products ?

Similar requests for additional information will be addressed by the Community to a large number of countries not presently covered by the documentation prepared by the GATT Secretariat.

The aim of this initiative is to draw a complete picture of trade barriers, both tariff and non-tariff ones, affecting trade in tropical products, as a basis for a comprehensive negotiation in line with the objectives set out in the Punta del Este Declaration.

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COMMISSION
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Permanent Delegation
to the international
organizations in Geneva
The Head of Delegation

Geneva, 5 April 1988

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Subject : Uruguay Round - Tropical Products

Thé cher Leopoldo,

From the outset of these negotiations on tropical products, the Community has attached importance to establishing the broadest possible documentation on existing trade regimes and present trade flows in this area as a basis for a transparent negotiating process.

The Negotiating Group on Tropical Products adopted on 28 January 1988 procedures for the conduct of negotiations in this field (MTN/GNG/NG6/W/23) which contain in its paragraph (ii) the possibility to request additional (and/or complementary) information on trade policy measures.

In this context, the Community is aware of a communication by Argentina to the Committee on Trade in Agriculture (AG/FOR/REV/ARG/1) dated 1 July 1987. Could Argentina ascertain whether the information contained in this document on measures affecting trade in tropical products is still valid and that it can be used in the Negotiating Group?

Could Argentina provide similar information regarding tariff and non-tariff measures for products not covered by the above document, notably products in Groups 3 and 7 (as identified in Doc. MTN.GNG/NG6/W/6). Could Argentina provide data on trade flows for these products?

Similar requests for additional information will be addressed by the Community to a large number of countries not presently covered by the documentation prepared by the GATT Secretariat.

The aim of this initiative is to draw a complete picture of trade barriers, both tariff and non-tariff ones, affecting trade in tropical products, as a basis for a comprehensive negotiation in line with the objectives set out in the Punta del Este Declaration.

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Geneva,5 April 1988.....

Subject : Uruguay Round - Tropical Products

Cher Am,

From the outset of these negotiations on tropical products, the Community has attached importance to establishing the broadest possible documentation on existing trade regimes and present trade flows in this area as a basis for a transparent negotiating process.

The Negotiating Group on Tropical Products adopted on 28 January 1988 procedures for the conduct of negotiations in this field (MTN/GNG/NG6/W/23) which contain in its paragraph (ii) the possibility to request additional (and/or complementary) information on trade policy measures.

In this context, the Community wishes to request Hungary to provide for the seven product groups so far identified information on recent trade flows (essentially imports by tariff line) as well as on the present import regime, including licencing procedures required and other non-tariff measures. Could Hungary also provide information relating to internal taxes concerning tropical products and elaborate on preferential and/or bilateral arrangements containing special provisions for tropical products, if any?

Similar requests for additional information will be addressed by the Community to a large number of countries not presently covered by the documentation prepared by the GATT Secretariat.

The aim of this initiative is to draw a complete picture of trade barriers, both tariff and non-tariff ones, affecting trade in tropical products, as a basis for a comprehensive negotiation in line with the objectives set out in the Punta del Este Declaration.

Amre me sympathie,

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Geneva, 5 April 1988

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Subject : Uruguay Round - Tropical Products

Dear Ambassador,

From the outset of these negotiations on tropical products, the Community has attached importance to establishing the broadest possible documentation on existing trade regimes and present trade flows in this area as a basis for a transparent negotiating process.

The Negotiating Group on Tropical Products adopted on 28 January 1988 procedures for the conduct of negotiations in this field (MTN/GNG/NG6/W/23) which contain in its paragraph (ii) the possibility to request additional (and/or complementary) information on trade policy measures.

In this context, the Community is aware of a communication by Pakistan to the Committee on Trade in Agriculture (AG/FOR/PAK/2) dated 18 May 1984 (copy attached). Could Pakistan confirm that the data on measures affecting trade in tropical products are still accurate and that they can be used in the Negotiating Group? Could Pakistan provide similar information on tropical products not included in the above communication?

Similar requests for additional information will be addressed by the Community to a large number of countries not presently covered by the documentation prepared by the GATT Secretariat.

The aim of this initiative is to draw a complete picture of trade barriers, both tariff and non-tariff ones, affecting trade in tropical products, as a basis for a comprehensive negotiation in line with the objectives set out in the Punta del Este Declaration.

Warmest regards,

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Dear Ambassador,

From the outset of these negotiations on tropical products, the Community has attached importance to establishing the broadest possible documentation on existing trade regimes and present trade flows in this area as a basis for a transparent negotiating process.

The Negotiating Group on Tropical Products adopted on 28 January 1988 procedures for the conduct of negotiations in this field (MTN/GNG/NG6/W/23) which contain in its paragraph (ii) the possibility to request additional (and/or complementary) information on trade policy measures.

In this context, the Community is aware of a communication by the Philippines to the Committee on Trade in Agriculture (AG/FOR/PHL/2) dated 28 February 1985 (copy attached). Could the Philippines confirm that the information on trade measures affecting tropical products is still valid and that it can be used in the Negotiating Group on Tropical Products? Could the Philippines provide similar information for the other tropical products as identified in the GATT Secretariat's documentation (MTN.GNG/NG6/W/6)?

Similar requests for additional information will be addressed by the Community to a large number of countries not presently covered by the documentation prepared by the GATT Secretariat.

The aim of this initiative is to draw a complete picture of trade barriers, both tariff and non-tariff ones, affecting trade in tropical products, as a basis for a comprehensive negotiation in line with the objectives set out in the Punta del Este Declaration.

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Subject : Uruguay Round - Tropical Products

Che hannel,

From the outset of these negotiations on tropical products, the Community has attached importance to establishing the broadest possible documentation on existing trade regimes and present trade flows in this area as a basis for a transparent negotiating process.

The Negotiating Group on Tropical Products adopted on 28 January 1988 procedures for the conduct of negotiations in this field (MTN/GNG/NG6/W/23) which contain in its paragraph (ii) the possibility to request additional (and/or complementary) information on trade policy measures.

In this context, the Community wishes to request Mexico to submit to the Negotiating Group on tropical products information, if possible on the tariff line level, related to measures implemented by Mexico affecting trade in the seven tropical product groups, as identified in the relevant GATT documentation (MTN.GNG.NG6/W/6). Could Mexico confirm that the customs duties on processed tropical products in Groups 3 and 7 are 50%? Are there any quantitative restrictions for tropical products?

Similar requests for additional information will be addressed by the Community to a large number of countries not presently covered by the documentation prepared by the GATT Secretariat.

The aim of this initiative is to draw a complete picture of trade barriers, both tariff and non-tariff ones, affecting trade in tropical products, as a basis for a comprehensive negotiation in line with the objectives set out in the Punta del Este Declaration.

Avec un intérêt et une sympathie,

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The Head of Delegation

Subject: Uruguay Round - Tropical Products

Dear Mr. Ambassador,

Since the beginning of these negotiations on tropical products, the Community has endeavoured to prepare the fullest possible documentation concerning existing trade régimes and recent trade flows as the basis for a transparent negotiating process.

On 28 January 1988, the Negotiating Group on Tropical Products adopted the procedures for negotiations in this sector (MTN.GNG/NG6/W/23) which provide, in paragraph (ii), for the possibility of requesting additional (and/or complementary) information on trade policy measures.

In this context, the Community requests Morocco to submit to the Negotiating Group detailed information, if possible at the tariff heading level, concerning trade policy measures applied in Tunisia with regard to the seven groups of tropical products identified in the GATT secretariat documentation (MTN.GNG/NG6/W/6). Could Morocco also submit information on trade flows for the same products?

The Community will address similar requests for additional information to a large number of countries currently not covered by the documentation prepared by the GATT secretariat. The purpose of this initiative is to take stock of all tariff and non-tariff barriers affecting trade in tropical products with a view to allowing full negotiations in conformity with the objectives set out in the Punta del Este Declaration.

Yours truly,

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