

**MULTILATERAL TRADE  
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TROPICAL PRODUCTS

Indicative List Submitted by the Nordic Countries

The following communication containing an elaboration of the Nordic proposal (MTN.GNG/NG6/W/20 and Corr.1) was received from the Nordic countries and is circulated to all participants.

MFN tariffs

*We propose that a formula should contain an appropriate element of harmonization. The formula applied for tariff reduction in the Tokyo round contains such an element. We would be ready to discuss the details of an appropriate harmonization formula and the necessary degree of flexibility in its application. We further proposed that an agreement on a formula be reached during 1988, and that, subsequently, participants shall present their individual lists of products and tariff rates to be covered by this formula. We would look to the broadest possible participation in a formula approach. All new concessions would be bound.*

*Participants shall present their individual product lists and implementation plans with the objective of starting implementation of tariff cuts as of 1 January 1989; maximum period of implementation: 5 years.*

We propose that participants in addition to the submission of lists of products and tariff rates to be covered by a harmonizing tariff-reducing formula consider submitting requests or offers for further reduction or elimination of tariffs on specific tropical products or for tropical products that have not been covered by the formula reductions. All such concessions would be bound. Time frame for implementation of results: cf. above.

Preferential tariffs.

We suggest that all participants in a position to do so, be they developed or developing countries, consider granting 0% tariffs on imports of tropical products from LLDCs on a preferential basis.

Non-tariff measures.

The Nordic countries are prepared to include these measures to the extent that they have significant trade effects, and anticipate the same readiness on the part of other participants based on a request/offer procedure.

Product coverage.

The Nordic countries have repeatedly stressed the need for the Negotiating Group on agriculture to deal with all questions relating to agricultural trade. This basic position of the Nordic countries will not, however, prevent us from actively pursuing negotiations in this Group.