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Indicative List Submitted by Czechoslovakia

The following communication dated 3 June 1988 has been received from the delegation of Czechoslovakia with the request that it be circulated to the members of the Group.

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In accordance with the main objectives set out in the Ministerial Declaration of Punta del Este Czechoslovakia hereby submits the proposal of her contribution to liberalization measures regarding trade in tropical products.

Czechoslovakia in drawing up her proposal has taken into account the need to seek the fullest possible liberalization of trade in tropical products, both in their unprocessed state or after stages of processing, in both tariff and non-tariff areas.

The proposal relates to the seven product groups covered by the 1982 - 84 consultations on tropical products. This proposal is made under the assumption of a fair degree of burden sharing involving industrialized countries. It consists of the following main elements:

1. Tariffs

- a/ reduction and/or harmonization of tariffs on unprocessed and processed tropical products within the framework of a generally agreed formula
- b/ maintaining the high level of tariff bindings for tropical products

2. Improvement of GSP Scheme

- a/ further improvement of the Czechoslovak GSP treatment for tropical products
- b/ duty free import of all tropical products from LDCs

c/ inclusion of additional LDCs in Czechoslovak GSP Scheme

3. Non - Tariff Measures

Czechoslovakia applies no non-tariff measures (quantitative restrictions, special taxes) which could adversely affect imports of tropical products. The existing import licensing requirements cover only the implementation of veterinary and phytosanitary regulations. The purchases of tropical products are governed by current commercial criteria and affected by consumption patterns and requirements.