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TROPICAL PRODUCTS

Indicative List Submitted by Nicaragua

The following communication has been received from the delegation of Nicaragua with the request that it be circulated to the members of the Group.

In a communication dated 3 July 1987 (MTN.GNG/NG6/W/8), a group of developing countries, including Nicaragua, submitted an initial list of products for which they intended to seek the fullest trade liberalization in the negotiations on tropical products. Subsequently, in conformity with the Procedures for Negotiations adopted by the Negotiating Group on Tropical Products on 29 January 1988, the same countries submitted a proposal on negotiating modalities (MTN.GNG/NG6/LT/5) with the aim of achieving concrete results before the end of 1988.

In the light of the multilateral consultations held from 30 May to 3 June last, Nicaragua wishes to make some comments and put forward some ideas concerning the continuation of the negotiations.

The Punta del Este Declaration contains clear undertakings with regard to the objectives and scope of the negotiations in the area of tropical products. Specifically, the negotiations should:

- (1) lead to "the fullest liberalization of trade in tropical products, including in their processed and semi-processed forms";
- (2) cover "both tariff and all non-tariff measures affecting trade in these products";
- (3) be concluded in the initial phase of the negotiations, with early implementation of the results;
- (4) especially benefit developing countries;
- (5) be governed by the principle of differential and more favourable treatment embodied in Part IV of the General Agreement and in the Decision on Differential and More Favourable Treatment of 28 November 1979.

Developing countries have submitted a number of proposals which strictly adhere to the objectives and undertakings agreed in the Punta del Este Declaration; their consideration could enable the negotiations to advance in a satisfactory manner.

On the basis of those proposals, and taking account of some of the views formulated by developed countries, the Negotiating Group could seek a consensus around the following elements:

Coverage of the negotiations:

The negotiations should cover all products included in the seven product groups covered by the consultations held from 1982 to 1984.

Tariffs:

Binding at the zero level by all developed countries of all tariffs applied to all tropical products. Concessions would be applied:

- (a) immediately and in full, with effect from 1 January 1989, for developing countries;
- (b) through annual reductions which would begin to be implemented upon the conclusion of the Uruguay Round negotiations, for developed countries (the time-frame for the reductions could be the same as that agreed in the Negotiating Group on Tariffs).

Non-tariff measures:

Immediate elimination of non-tariff measures such as prohibitions, quantitative restrictions and import licensing currently in force in developed countries.

Abolition of selective internal taxes applied to coffee, tea, cocoa and bananas; suppression of variable levies applied to tropical products; elimination or simplification of sanitary and phytosanitary measures.

In the view of Nicaragua, the proposed negotiating modalities not only pursue the objectives set forth in the Punta del Este Declaration with regard to tropical products, i.e. "the fullest trade liberalization", and comply with the undertaking made by the contracting parties that negotiations in this area "shall receive special attention, including the timing of the negotiations and the implementation of the results", but also would meet the general objectives of the negotiations, in particular that of "bringing about further liberalization and expansion of world trade to the benefit of all countries, especially less-developed contracting parties".

Furthermore, the above modalities would observe the general principles that should govern the negotiations in that they reflect the application of the principle of differential and more favourable treatment

and would make it possible to evaluate the results of the negotiations in the tropical products sector in the framework of the overall balance-sheet for the negotiations as a whole.

For the information of members of this Group, Nicaragua submits herewith a preliminary list of products of the greatest export interest to Nicaragua in the tropical products sector.

PRODUCTOS TROPICALES

"Lista de productos de particular interés para Nicaragua"

Partida arancelaria Sistema Armonizado	Descripción del producto	Países que aplican aranceles y/o medidas arancelarias
0714.10	Yuca	Australia, Austria, CEE, Japón, Noruega, Suecia, Suiza y EE.UU.
0803.10	Bananos frescos	CEE, Finlandia, Japón y Suiza
0804.30	Piñas frescas	Australia, Austria, CEE, Japón, Suiza, y EE.UU.
0804.40	Aguacates	Australia, Austria, CEE, Japón, Noruega, Suiza y EE.UU.
0804.50	Mangos	Australia, Austria, CEE, Japón, Noruega, Suiza y EE.UU.
0807.20	Papayas	Australia, Austria, CEE, Japón, Noruega y EE.UU.
0901.11	Café verde	Australia, Austria, CEE, Finlandia, Japón y Suiza
0908.30	Cardamomos	Austria
0910.10	Jengibre	Austria, CEE, Japón y Suiza
1108.14	Almidón de yuca	Australia, Austria, CEE, Canadá, Finlandia, Japón, Nueva Zelandia, Noruega, Suiza, EE.UU. y Suecia
1202.10	Maní con cáscara	Australia, Finlandia, Japón, Suecia, Suiza y EE.UU.
1202.20	Maní sin cáscara	Australia, Finlandia, Japón, Suecia, Suiza y EE.UU.

Partida arancelaria Sistema Armonizado	Descripción del producto	Países que aplican aranceles y/o medidas arancelarias
1207.30.90	Higuerilla (Castor oil seeds)	Australia, CEE, Japón, Finlandia y Suiza
1207.40	Ajonjolí	Australia, CEE, Finlandia, Japón, Noruega, Suecia y Suiza
1515.30	Aceite de ricino (Castor oil)	Australia, Canadá, CEE, Japón, Nueva Zelandia, Suiza y EE.UU.
1520	Glicerina	Australia, Canadá, CEE y Japón
1801	Cacao en grano	Australia, Austria, CEE
2007	Puré de banano	Australia, Austria, CEE, Canadá, Finlandia, Japón, Nueva Zelandia, Noruega, Suiza y EE.UU.
2008.20	Piñas enlatadas	Australia, Austria, CEE, Japón, Nueva Zelandia, Suiza, EE.UU. y Finlandia
2008.99	Otras frutas tropicales	Australia, Austria, CEE, Canadá, Finlandia, Japón, Nueva Zelandia, Noruega, Suiza y EE.UU.
2009.40	Jugo de piña	Australia, Austria, CEE, Finlandia, Japón, Noruega, Nueva Zelandia, Suiza y EE.UU.
2009.80	Jugos de frutas tropicales	Australia, Austria, CEE, Canadá, Finlandia, Japón, Noruega, Nueva Zelandia, Suiza y EE.UU.
2101.10	Café soluble	Australia, Austria, CEE, Canadá, Finlandia, Japón, Noruega, Nueva Zelandia, Suiza y EE.UU.

Partida arancelaria Sistema Armonizado	Descripción del producto	Países que aplican aranceles y/o medidas arancelarias
2401.10 2401.20 2401.30	Tabaco en rama y desperdicios de tabaco	Australia, Austria, Canadá, CEE, Japón, Nueva Zelandia, Suiza y EE.UU.
2402.10	Cigarros o puros	Australia, Austria, Canadá, CEE, Finlandia, Japón, Nueva Zelandia, Suiza y EE.UU.
4418.20	Puertas y marcos de madera	Australia, Austria y Nueva Zelandia
9401.50	Sillas y otros asientos de mimbre	Australia, Austria, CEE, Canadá, Japón y Nueva Zelandia
9403.80	Muebles de mimbre	