

**MULTILATERAL TRADE  
NEGOTIATIONS  
THE URUGUAY ROUND**

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Group of Negotiations on Goods (GATT)

Negotiating Group on Tropical Products

TROPICAL PRODUCTS

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE FURTHER CONDUCT OF NEGOTIATIONS

Proposal by the Chairman

In the light of the objective of achieving the fullest liberalization of trade in tropical products, and with a view to achieving concrete results before the end of 1988 and their implementation at the earliest possible date in accordance with Section B (ii) of the Ministerial Declaration, the Negotiating Group agrees, on the basis of the Procedures for Negotiations adopted on 29 January 1988, on the following arrangements for the further conduct of negotiations:

- (i) Participants are invited to deposit initial offers with the secretariat, for distribution to participating countries, not later than mid-September 1988.
- (ii) Participants which have already submitted offers and proposals, including general approaches and/or specific requests, may elaborate on these, without prejudice to the positions of other participants.
- (iii) Participants are not precluded from modifying their offers or tabling offers at subsequent dates.
- (iv) Offers will be in accordance with general approaches, formulae and measures covering both tariffs and all non-tariff measures affecting trade; and/or product/country specific requests. Such offers may build as appropriate on proposals that have been tabled and on the discussions held in the two rounds of consultations.
- (v) Consultations and negotiations covering all seven product groups<sup>1</sup> will take place from September to early November 1988. The Negotiating Group will meet for two days in the week of September 19 and on 27-28 October or 3-4 November. The Negotiating Group may hold other meetings during this period as necessary.

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<sup>1</sup>It was understood by the Negotiating Group that the seven product groups selected for its work did not constitute a definition of tropical products nor an exhaustive listing and that other products might be included as negotiations proceed.

- (vi) Participants may continue to request and provide additional information on trade policy measures, with assistance from the secretariat as appropriate.
- (vii) At its October/November meeting the Negotiating Group will assess the results achieved during the consultations and negotiations in the light of the objectives as set out in the Punta del Este Declaration, and make any further arrangements as necessary.