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RESPONSES TO REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The following communication received from the delegations of Brazil in response to requests for additional trade information addressed by the United States (MTN.GNG/NG6/TI/1) is circulated to the members of the Group.

1. I refer to your letter dated 30 March 1988, concerning information on trade measures applied to Tropical Products. Recalling that the procedures adopted by the Negotiating Group do not consider the question of information as a precondition for the negotiations, I would like to present the view of the Brazilian Government on the points raised in your letter.
2. The Punta del Este Ministerial Declaration established a specific mandate for negotiations in Tropical Products. The distinctive nature of the work to be carried out in relation to these products reflects the recognition that Tropical Products form an area of particular interest to developing countries and should therefore require different and more expeditious solutions than those envisaged in other Negotiating Groups. Especially in the field of Tropical Products, the provisions of Part IV of the General Agreement should apply, not only in terms of reciprocity, but also in terms of other principles, objectives and engagements contained in GATT Articles XXXVI, XXXVII and XXXVIII.
3. The mandate of the Ministerial Declaration reflects all these principles and objectives of Part IV. In accordance with them, it establishes as the negotiating objective the fullest liberalization of trade in Tropical Products, in order to provide better market access conditions to developing countries' exports, through the elimination of tariffs and non-tariff measures.
4. Taking all these points into consideration and reaffirming the Brazilian position concerning the participation of developed and developing countries in these negotiations, presented in documents MTN.GNG/NG6/W/10 and MTN.GNG/NG6/LT/10, I would like to recall that the trade regime applied by the Brazilian Government has been notified to the Committee of Balance of Payment Restrictions (document BOP/279). There are no measures related specifically to Tropical Products, to which the general trade regime applies; there are no quantitative restrictions in force in Brazil and the list of products for which the issuance of import licence is temporarily suspended for balance of payment reasons has been circulated as document L/6225, in October 1987.
5. With regard to the other two questions in your letter, it is the view of the Brazilian Government that they do not refer to matters covered by the mandate of the Punta del Este Declaration for negotiations in Tropical Products.

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