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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 EEC (MTN.GNG/NG6/TI/2) is circulated to the members of the Group.

1. I refer to your letter dated 7 April 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, contained in documents MTN.GNG/NG6/W/10 and MTN.GNG/NG6/LT/10, I would like to inform the following:
 - a) document AG/FOR/BRA/2 does not reflect the present situation; the Brazilian Government intends to update this document in order to circulate it in due time in the context of the appropriate Negotiating Group;

- b) concerning tariffs, the Brazilian authorities are studying technical possibilities to provide information, in the context of the Negotiating Group on Tariffs, which will also include tariffs applied to Tropical Products;
- c) with regard to non-tariff measures, the Brazilian trade regime has been notified to the Committee of Balance of Payments restrictions (document BOP/279 and L/6225); there are no measures related specifically to Tropical Products, to which the general trade regime applies;
- d) it is the view of the Brazilian Government that the other two questions in your letter do not refer to matters covered by the mandate of the Punta del Este Declaration for negotiations in Tropical Products.