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Specification of Offers of the Nordic Countries

The following communication dated 16 September 1988 containing specification of offers of the Nordic Countries (Finland, Norway and Sweden) have been received from the Nordic countries with the request that they are circulated to the members of the Group.

1. In two previous submissions, MTN.GNG/NG6/W/20 and MTN.GNG/NG6/LT/9 respectively, the Nordic countries have outlined their position in respect of modalities, procedures and implementation schedules regarding the negotiations on tropical products. Within the framework of that position, and bearing in mind the importance of trade in tropical products to a large number of less-developed contracting parties, as well as the special attention to be attributed to the negotiations in this area - including the timing of the negotiations and the implementation of results as provided for in B(ii) of the Ministerial Declaration - the Nordic countries hereby present the attached specifications of offers on tropical products.

2. The basis purpose of this submission is to illustrate types of product-specific concessions which the Nordic countries are ready to negotiate in the area of tropical products. The submission is presented without prejudice neither to the final negotiating position of the Nordic countries, nor to future efforts to reach consensus on the modalities for the negotiations.

3. Furthermore, the Nordic countries should like to reiterate that implementation of concessions on their part will ultimately depend on the types and magnitude of concessions granted by other participants, cf. in this context paragraph 6 in the Nordic submission contained in MTN.GNG/NG6/W/20.

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SPECIFICATION OF OFFER BY FINLAND

The specification of offer presented by Finland aims to illustrate how some elements in the proposal previously presented by the Nordic Countries might materialize in terms of Finnish concessions.

In this specification an "F" in the column showing the type of concession indicates the product categories where a tariff reduction on MFN-basis is envisaged by means of a formula similar to the one applied for in the Tokyo Round. The product categories where unilateral concessions under the Finnish GSP-system are envisaged are denoted by "GSP" in the column.

Neither the list of products nor the concessions indicated are exhaustive. Finland remains ready to consult with interested participants on these, as well as on other products and barriers to trade in the area of tropical products.

**Preliminary Schedule of the Concessions of Finland
in the Negotiating Group of Tropical Products**

HS. Code No.	Product description	Type of Concession
0602.99.10	Other trees (other than fruit or nut trees or bushes; plants of trees, bushes, shrubby trees and of perennial plants of the gramineous kind	F
0602.99.39	Other ornamental plants in pots (other than <i>Ericas graciles</i>)	F
0602.99.50	Other (other than ornamental) live plants	F
0603.90	Cut flowers and flower buds, other than fresh	F
0803.00.11	Bananas fresh, in bunches, customs cleared from 1.1. to 31.5.	F
0803.00.21	Bananas fresh, other, customs cleared from 1.1. to 31.5.	F
0803.00.30	Bananas, dried	F
0804.10	Dates, fresh or dried	F
0813.40.90	Other dried fruit (other than blueberries)	F
0901.11/12	Coffee, not roasted	F
0901.21/22	Coffee, roasted	F
0901.30	Coffee husks and skins	F
0909.10	Seeds of anise or badian	F
0909.20	Seeds of coriander	F
0909.30	Seeds of cumin	F
0909.40	Seeds of caraway	F
0909.50	Seeds of fennel or juniper	F
1801.00.90	Cocoa beans (whole or broken), roasted	F
1803.10	Cocoa paste, not defatted	F
1803.20	Cocoa paste, wholly or partly defatted	F
1804.00	Cocoa butter, fat and oil	F
1805.00	Cocoa powder, not containing added sugar or other sweetening matter	F
2006.	Fruit, nuts, fruit peel and other parts of plants, preserved by sugar (drained, glacé or crystallized)	F

4409.20.10	Blocks, strips and friezes for parquet; beadings and mouldings and other moulded boards	F
	- Plywood consisting solely of sheets of wood, each ply not exceeding 6 mm in thickness:	
4412.11	With at least one outer ply of the following tropical woods: Dark Red Meranti, Light Red Meranti, White Lauan, Sipo, Limba, Okoumé, Obeche, Acajou d'Afrique, Sapell, Baboen, Mahogany (Swietenia spp), Palissandre du Brezil or Bois de Rose femelle	F
4421.10	Clothes hangers, of wood	F
4421.90.10	Spools, cops, bobbins, sewing thread reels and the like	F
4601.10	Plaits and similar products of plaiting materials	F
4601.20	Mats, matting and screens of vegetable materials	F
4601.91	Other (plaiting materials and products), of vegetable materials	F
4602.10	Basketwork, wickerwork and other articles, of vegetable materials	F
9401.50	Seats of cane, osier, bamboo or similar materials	F
9401.90	Parts thereto	F
9403.80	Furniture of other materials, including cane, osier, bamboo or similar materials	F
9403.90	Parts thereto	F

2008.11.90	Ground nuts, other than roasted	F
	- Other (other than ground nuts), including mixtures:	
2008.19.10	Mixtures of nuts, ground nuts and other seeds	F
2008.19.90	Other (nuts and other seeds)	F
2008.20	Pineapples	F
2008.91	Palm hearts	F
2008.92	Mixtures	F
2009.40	Pineapple juice	F
2101.10	Extracts, essences and concentrates, of coffee	F
3301.14	Essential oils of lime	F
3301.19	Essential oils of other citrus fruit	F
3301.21	Essential oils of geranium	F
3301.22	Essential oils of jasmin	F
3301.23	Essential oils of lavender or of lavandin	F
3301.24	Essential oils of peppermint (<i>Mentha piperita</i>)	F
3301.25	Essential oils of other mints	F
3301.26	Essential oils of vetiver	F
3301.29	Essential oils other	F
3301.30	Essential oils resinoids	F
3301.90	Other essential oils	F
ex 4011.99	Other new pneumatic tyres:	
	- pneumatic tyres for scooters	GSP
ex 4013.90	Other inner tubes, of rubber:	
	- inner tyres for motorcycles	GSP
4014.10	Sheat contraceptives	F

SPECIFICATION OF OFFER BY NORWAY

1 The specification of offer presented by Norway is an effort to illustrate how some elements in the proposals previously presented by the Nordic countries might materialize in terms of Norwegian concessions.

2 In the "type of concession"-column, a "F" indicates m.f.n.-tariff reductions by means of a formula similar to the one applied for tariff reductions generally in the Tokyo Round. The denotation of "GSP" in that column indicates unilateral concessions within the framework of the Norwegian GSP scheme.

3 Neither the list of products nor the concessions indicated are exhaustive; Norway remains ready to consult with interested participants on these, as well as on other products and barriers to trade in the area of tropical products.

TROPICAL PRODUCTS. SPECIFICATION OF OFFER BY NORWAY

<u>HS. pos</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Type of concession</u>
	TROPICAL BEVERAGE ITEMS:	
0901.21	Coffee roasted, not decaffeinated	F
0901.22	Coffee roasted, decaffeinated	F
2101.1010	Extracts, essences and concentrates of coffee, and preparations with basis of these extracts etc; extracts, essences and concentrates	F
1805.00	Cocoa powder not containing added sugar or other sweetening matter	F
	SPICES, FLOWERS, PLAITING PRODUCTS:	
0909.10	Seeds of anise or badian	F
0909.20	Seeds of coriander	F
0909.30	Seeds of cumin	F
0909.40	Seeds of caraway	F
0909.50	Seeds of fennel or jupiter	F
0910.20	Saffron	F
0910.30	Turmeric (curcuma)	F
0910.91	Mixtures	F
0910.99	Other spices	F
3301.14	Essential oil of lime	F
3301.21	Essential oil of geranium	F
3301.22	Essential oil of jasmin	F
3301.29	Other essential oils	F
3301.30	Essential oils of resinoids	F
3301.90	Concentrate of essential oils	F
0602.10	Unrooted cuttings and slips	F
0602.99	Other live plants	F
0603.10	Cut flowers, fresh	F
0603.90	Cut flowers, other	F

HS. pos	Description	TOC
1302.14	Vegetable saps and extracts of phyretrum or of the roots of plants containing rotenone	F
1302.19	Vegetable saps and extracts, other	F
4601.10	Plaits and similar products of plaiting material	F
4601.20	Mats, matting and screens of vegetable materials	F
4601.91	Other processed plaints, etc. of vegetable materials	F
4602.1010	Basework, wickerwork of vegetable material	F
4602.1090	Basework, wickerwork of vegetable material, other	F
9401.50	Seats of cane, osier, bamboo or similar materials	F
9401.90	Parts of above (9401.50)	F
9403.80	Furniture of cane, osier, bamboo rattan etc.	F
9403.90	Parts of above (9403.80)	F
CERTAIN OILSEEDS, VEGETABLE OILS AND OILCAKES:		
1508.10	Groundnut oil and its fractions, crude oil	GSP
1508.90	Groundnut oil and its fractions, other	GSP
1511.9010	Palm oil and its fractions, other	GSP
1513.11	Coconut oil and its fractions, crude oil	GSP
1513.1910	Coconut oil and its fractions, other; solid fractions	GSP
1513.1990	Coconut oils and its fractions, other; other	GSP
1513.21	Palm kernel or babassu oil and their fractions, crude oil	GSP
1513.2910	Palm kernel or babassu oils and their fractions, other; solid fractions	GSP
1513.2990	Palm kernel or babassu oils and their fractions, other; other	GSP
1515.9020	Other fixed vegetable fats and oils and their fractions, crude oil	GSP

HS. pos	Description	
1515.9030	Other fixed vegetable fats and oils and their fractions, non-crude oil; solid fractions	GSP
TROPICAL ROOTS, RICE AND TOBACCO:		
1515.9090	Other fixed vegetable fats and oils and their fractions, other; other	GSP
1516.2090	Vegetable fats and oils and their fractions, hydrogenated inter-esterified re-esterified or elaidinized	GSP
1519.12	Oleic acid	GSP
1519.20	Acid oils from refining	GSP
1519.30	Industrial fatty alcohols	GSP
0714.10	Manioc, fresh or dried	F
1006.3010	Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, for human consumption	GSP
1006.3090	Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, other	GSP
1006.4010	Broken rice, for human consumption	GSP
1006.4090	Broken rice, other	GSP
2402.10	Cigars, cheroots and cigarillos	GSP
2402.20	Cigarettes	GSP
TROPICAL FRUITS AND NUTS:		
0802.9010	Pecan nuts	F
1106.30	Flour, meal and powder of the products of Chapter 8	F
0804.10	Dates, fresh and dried	F
0804.40	Avocados, fresh and dried	F
0804.50	Guavas, mangoes and mangosteens, fresh and dried	F
2009.4090	Pineapple juice	F
0810.9090	Other fresh fruits, other	F
0811.9030	Frozen fruits and nuts, other; sugared	F

HS. pos	Description	TOC
0813.4090	Other dried fruit, other fruit	F
0813.5090	Other dried fruit, mixtures of nuts or other dried fruits	F
2001.9039	Fruits and nuts prepared or preserved by vinegar acetic acid, other	F
2006.00	Fruits and nuts preserved by sugar	F
2007.1090	Jams, fruit jellies fruit or nut puree and pastes, homogenized preparations; other	F
2007.9990	Jams, fruit jellies fruit or nut puree and pastes, other; other (than citrus fruit)	F
2008.99	Fruits and nuts, otherwise prepared or preserved, non-mixtures	F
2009.8090	Juice of any other single fruit, other	F
2009.90	Mixture of fruit juices	F
JUTE AND HARD FIBRES:		
5311.0010	Woven fabrics of ramie, unbleached or bleached	F
5311.0020	Woven fabrics of ramie, other	F
5311.0090	Woven fabrics of other vegetable textile fibres; woven fabrics of paper yarn, other	F
5702.20	Floor coverings of coir	F
6305.1010	Sacks and bags of jute and other bast fibres, other; of jute	F
6305.1090	Sacks and bags of jute and other bast fibres, other; other	F
NATURAL RUBBER AND TROPICAL WOOD:		
4005.1010	Compounded rubber with carbon black or silica, solutions	F
4005.1090	Compounded rubber with carbon black or silica, others	F
4005.2010	Compounded rubber solutions other than those of subheading No. 4005.10	F
4005.2020	Compounded rubber dispersions	F
4005.9190	Compounded rubber plates, sheets and strips	F
4005.9990	Other compounded rubber	F
4006.1090	"Camel-back" strips for retreading rubber tyres, other; other	F

HS. pos	Description	TOC
4006.9090	Rods, tubes and profile shapes and articles, other; other	F
4008.1190	Plates, sheets and strip of cellular rubber, other	F
4008.1990	Rods and profile shapes of cellular rubber, other	F
4008.2190	Plates, sheet and strip of non-cellular rubber, other	F
4008.2990	Rods and profile shapes of non-cellular rubber, other	F
4009.10	Tubes, pipes and hoses, not reinforced or otherwise combined with other material, without fittings	F
4009.20	Tubes, pipes and hoses, reinforced or otherwise combined only with metals, without fittings	F
4009.30	Tubes, pipes and hoses, reinforced or otherwise combined only with textile materials, without fittings	F
4009.40	Tubes, pipes and hoses, reinforced or otherwise combined with other materials, without fittings	F
4009.50	Tubes, pipes and hoses, with fittings	F
4011.10	New pneumatic rubber tyres for motor cars	F
4011.20	New pneumatic rubber tyres for busses and lorries	F
4011.50	New pneumatic rubber tyres for bicycles	F
4014.10	Sheath contraceptives	F
4014.90	Other hygienic or pharmaceutical articles	F
4015.1100	Surgical gloves	F
4015.1990	Other gloves	F
4015.9090	Other articles of apparel and clothing accessories	F
4016.10	Other articles of cellular rubber	F
4016.91	Floor coverings and mats of cellular rubber	F
4016.92	Erasers	F
4016.94	Boat and dock fenders	F
4016.95	Other inflatable articles	F
4016.99	Other articles of vulcanized rubber and other than hard rubber of non-cellular rubber	F
4017.00	Hard rubber and articles	F

HS. pos	Description	TOC
4408.2010	Veneer sheets and sheets for plywood and other wood sawn lengthwise, sliced or peeled, whether or not planed, sanded or finerjointed, of a thickness not exceeding 6 MM, of (a list of) tropical woods	F
4408.1090	Veneer sheets and sheets for plywood and other wood sawn lengthwise, sliced or peeled, whether or not planed, sanded or finerjointed, of a thickness not exceeding 6 MM, of other tropical woods	F
4409.2010	Wood continuously shaped along any of its edges or faces, whether or not planed, sanded or finger-jointed, non-coniferous; blocks and strips for parquet	F
4409.2020	Wood continuously shaped along any of its edges or faces, whether or not planed, sanded or finger-jointed, non-coniferous; wooden mouldings	F
4410.10	Particle board and similar board of wood or other ligneous materials, whether or not agglomerated with resins or other organic binding substances, of wood	F
4412.11	Plywood, veneered panels and similar laminated wood, with at least one outer ply of (a list of) tropical woods	F
4412.12	Plywood, veneered panels and similar laminated wood, other with at least one outer ply of non-coniferous wood	F
4414.00	Wooden frames for paintings, photographs, mirrors or similar objects	F
4418.20	Builders' joinery and carpentry of wood, including cellular wood panels, assembled parquet panels, shingles and shakes; doors	F
4418.30	Builders' joinery and carpentry of wood, including cellular wood panels, assembled parquet panels, shingles and shakes; parquet panels	F
4418.50	Builders' joinery and carpentry of wood, including cellular wood panels, assembled parquet panels, shingles and shakes; shingles and shakes	F

HS. pos	Description	TOC
4418.90	Builders' joinery and carpentry of wood, including cellular wood panels, assembled parquet panels, shingles and shakes; other	F
4419.00	Tableware and kitchenware of wood	F
4420.10	Wood marquetry and inlaid wood; caskets and cases for jewellery or cutlery, and similar articles of wood; statuettes and other ornaments, of wood, wooden articles furniture not falling in Chapter 94; statuettes and other ornaments of wood	F
4420.90	Wood marquetry and inlaid wood; caskets and cases for jewellery or cutlery, and similar articles of wood; statuettes and other ornaments, of wood, wooden articles furniture not falling in Chapter 94; other	F
4421.10	Other articles of wood; clothes hangers	F
4421.90	Other articles of wood; other	F
9401.50	Seats of cane, oiser, bamboo or similar materials	F
9401.61	Other seats with wooden frames; upholstred	F
9401.69	Other seats with wooden frames; other	F
9401.90	Parts of wood	F
9403.30	Other furniture and parts thereof; wooden furniture of a kind used in offices	F
9403.40	Other furnitures and parts thereof; wooden furniture of a kind used in the kitchen	F
9403.50	Other furniture and parts thereof; wooden furniture of a kind used in the bedroom	F
9403.60	Other furniture and parts thereof; other wooden furniture	F
9403.80	Other furniture and parts thereof; furniture of other materials	F
9403.90	Other furniture and parts thereof; parts of wood	F

Tropical Products

Specific Offer by Sweden

As background, an overview of tariffs, levies and GSP in Sweden for the seven product groups is given in an enclosed annex. As can be seen, tariffs in many areas are already bound at 0%. It can also be noted that virtually all products are included in the Swedish GSP-scheme with duty-free access. After a thorough review and consideration of the situation and requests received, Sweden has decided to put forth certain specific offers to the negotiations, and is prepared to hold consultations with interested participants. The implementation of these offers is contingent upon a general multilateral agreement for the negotiations on tropical products. This offer should be seen in connection with the earlier Nordic proposal (MTN.GNG/NG6/W/20) and the indicative list (MTN.GNG/NG6/LT/9) submitted by the Nordic countries. This specific offer from Sweden is meant to be a contribution that is in addition to what could be achieved by a formula, which is an element in the Nordic indicative list.

Consideration has also been given to making improvements in the Swedish GSP-scheme and this is still under review. Having received requests from certain countries concerning cut flowers, Sweden invites interested countries to consultations concerning their interests in more detail for improved market access for these products.

2. Spices, Flowers, Plaiting Products etc.

Plants and Flowers

Ex ch. 6 and ex ch. 12

Tropical flowers carry a tariff of 1000 SEK per 100 kg
1 March to 30 November and 500 SEK per 100 kg
1 December to 29 February.

Specific offer:

Certain tropical flowers e.g. "Strelitzia", "Heliconia", some orchids could be given duty-free treatment on an MFN-basis. As mentioned above, Sweden would like to hold consultations with interested countries concerning the import regime for cut flowers.

Plaiting Products Etc.

Ex ch. 46 and ex ch. 94.

The products are bound at 3,8%.

Specific offer:

All plaiting products and furniture and furniture parts of bamboo, rattan etc. be bound at 0%.

6. Jute and Hard Fibres

Ch. ex 53, 56-57, 59 and 63.

All raw and processed fibres are bound at 0%. Many products are also bound at 0%.

Specific offer:

56.07.210-300 Twine, cordage, rope and cables of sisal or other textile fibres of the genus Agave, of acaba (Manila hemp or Musa textilis Nee) or other hard (leaf) fibres

Current rate of duty: 8%. To be bound at 0%.

7. Natural Rubber and Tropical Wood

Tropical Wood (Ch. 44 and parts of 94)

Several products free on MFN-basis. No tariff higher than 3,8%.

Specific offer:

Ex 44.08 Veneer sheets and sheets for plywood of certain tropical woods

Current rate of duty: 1,4%. To be bound at 0%.

Tropical Products - Tariffs, Levies and GSP in Sweden

	<u>Exact or rough description</u>
1. <u>Tropical Beverage Items</u>	
a. Coffee and Processed Coffee	0% B
b. Tea and Processed Tea	0% B
c. Cocoa and Cocoa Products	0% B
18.01-18.03	
18.04-18.05	SEK 0,1/kg B GSP 0%
2. <u>Spices, Flowers, Plaiting Products etc.</u>	
a. Spices	0% B
b. Essential Oils	0% B
c. Plants and Flowers	Specific tariffs
d. Natural Gums and Vegetable Extracts	0% B
e. Vegetable Materials and Waxes	0% B
f. Plaiting Products	
46.01, 46.02, 94.01, 94.03	3,8% B 0% GSP
3. <u>Certain Oil Seeds, Vegetable Oils and Oilcakes</u>	
a. Certain Oil Seeds and Flour and Meals	0% B, 0% U, variable levies
b. Groundnut Oil, Palm Oil, Coconut Oil and Palm Kernel Oil	0, 8,17% U, variable levies GSP 0%
c. Certain Other Vegetable Oils and Processed Oils	0, 3,8% B, 0,17% U, variable levies GSP 0%
d. Vegetable Oil Products	0% U
e. Oilcakes and Solid Residues	0% U, variable levies

U = Unbound tariffs
B = Bound tariffs

4. Tropical Roots, Rice and Tobacco

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| a. Tropical Roots and Tubers | 0%,
Variable levies |
| b. Rice | 0% B |
| c. Tobacco, unmanufactured | 0% B |
| cigars etc + cigarettes | Specific tariffs |
| | GSP 0% |

5. Tropical Fruits and Nuts

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| a. Tropical Nuts | 0% B |
| b. Bananas and Other Specified Tropical Fruits | 0% B |
| c. Pineapples | 0% B |
| d. Miscellaneous Tropical Fruits | 0% B |
| e. Fruit Products | 0% B, 5% B, GSP 0% |

6. Jute and Hard Fibres

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| a. Jute and Hard Fibres, raw and processed fibres | 0% B |
| b. Yarn and Fabrics | 0-10% B, GSP 0% |
| c. Major Manufactures | 0-12% B, GSP 0% |
| d. Other Manufactures | Tariffs, GSP 0% |

7. Natural Rubber and Tropical Wood

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| a. Natural Rubber | 0% B |
| b. Unvulcanized Rubber Products | 3,2% B, GSP 0% |
| c. Vulcanized Rubber Products | Tariffs, GSP 0% |
| d. Rubber Tyres and Tubes | Tariffs, GSP 0% |
| e. Other Rubber Articles | Tariffs, GSP 0% |
| f. Tropical Wood in the rough and sawn | 0% B |
| g. Veener, Plywood etc | 1,4%, GSP 0% |
| h. Wood Articles | Tariffs, GSP 0% |
| i. Wooden Furniture | Tariffs, GSP 0% |