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## RESPONSE TO REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

I have the pleasure to refer to the work of the Negotiating Group on Tropical Products and in particular to the information requested from Chile by the United States in document MTN.GNG/NG6/TI/1.

In the above-mentioned document, the United States requests information on trade policy measures affecting tropical products. A specific reference is made to Chile on page 5. In this connection, we wish to state, firstly, that the general tariff in force in Chile is 15 per cent ad valorem, which is therefore the tariff applied on milled rice. Secondly, it should be pointed out that while the law establishes a price band to support oilseed production, in practice this provision has never been implemented, and therefore prices have been subject to the free play of supply and demand. With regard to oilcake and tobacco, Chile does not apply minimum import prices, in accordance with its general policy of free prices and openness to foreign trade.