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TROPICAL PRODUCTS

Indicative List Submitted by the United States

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ELABORATION OF THE U.S. PROPOSAL
FOR THE NEGOTIATING GROUP ON TROPICAL PRODUCTS

INTRODUCTION

The following elaboration of the U.S. proposal (MTN.GNG/NG6/W/17) is submitted to advance negotiations in the Negotiating Group on Tropical Products. This elaboration will contribute to our effort to achieve the fullest liberalization of trade in tropical products, consistent with our proposal and the Punta del Este Declaration.

PRODUCT COVERAGE

For purposes of negotiation and implementation of the U.S. proposal, tropical products are distinguished by the following categories: (a) agricultural tropical products 1/; (b) nonagricultural tropical products 2/. The product coverage is based on the seven categories under discussion in the Negotiating Group on Tropical Products. Such products do not constitute a definition of tropical products.

1. Based on the classifications in MTN.GNG/NG6/W/6/Rev.1, agricultural tropical products include tropical products in groups 1-5, except tropical plaiting products in group 2, and tropical wood products in Chapter 44 of the Harmonized System.

2. Based on the classifications in MTN.GNG/NG6/W/6/Rev.1, non-agricultural tropical products include tropical plaiting products and tropical products in group 6 and group 7, except tropical wood products in Chapter 44 of the Harmonized System.

NEGOTIATION

Agricultural Tropical Products

The United States is willing to eliminate all measures that directly or indirectly affect trade of all agricultural products as long as our trading partners are willing to do the same. The United States proposed that all participants in the Uruguay Round negotiations on agriculture completely phase out over 10 years all support measures that affect trade. Only through the comprehensive approach can true trade liberalization be achieved.

Negotiations in the Negotiating Group on Tropical Products would cover agricultural tropical products for which market access is the principal trade-distorting policy. The United States is focussing on those products that are produced and/or traded predominantly in developing countries. All trade-distorting measures not negotiated in the Negotiating Group on Tropical Products would be negotiated in the Negotiating Group on Agriculture. Subsidies, as well as health and sanitary regulations, affecting agricultural tropical products would be negotiated in the Negotiating Group on Agriculture.

Consistent with our proposal in the Negotiating Group on Tropical Products, the U.S. objective continues to be the elimination of all trade-distorting policies affecting agricultural tropical products. As part of that process, the United States is willing to eliminate on an expedited basis tariffs and all nontariff measures affecting the trade of an agreed list of agricultural tropical products. The list of products on which the United States is prepared to negotiate the elimination of all tariffs and nontariff measures is attached. The United States expects all countries participating in these negotiations to eliminate their tariffs and nontariff measures affecting each of the products on the agreed list within the time period adopted by the Negotiating Group on Tropical Products.

Other agricultural tropical products not included on our list would continue to be considered for expedited treatment as suggested in the U.S. tropical products proposal.

Developing countries needing distinctive treatment would be allowed such treatment in accordance with the elaboration of the U.S. agriculture proposal with respect to developing countries (MTN.GNG/NG5/W/55).

Nonagricultural Tropical Products

Tariffs on nonagricultural tropical products would be reduced to the maximum extent possible, including their possible elimination. On the basis of requests for liberalization of trade of nonagricultural tropical products, negotiations would aim at: (a) eliminating duties on unprocessed tropical products; (b) reducing and binding duties on semi-processed and processed tropical products by up to a specified percentage from their current bound rates; (c) reducing and binding very high tariffs to a maximum rate; (d) eliminating very low tariffs at or below a specified percentage. Nontariff measures would be reduced or eliminated to the maximum extent possible.

We expect to receive concessions or contributions in market access and other negotiating areas of interest to us from participants benefitting from our liberalization, consistent with the relevant provisions of the Punta del Este Declaration.

IMPLEMENTATION

We will have to achieve satisfactory results at the Midterm Review in agriculture to be able to implement agreements reached on tropical products. Following a satisfactory outcome of the Midterm Review, results could be implemented on a provisional basis as soon as practically possible consistent with our statutory authority and Part I, Section B, paragraph (ii) of the Punta del Este Declaration. Concessions would be bound only upon successful completion of the Uruguay Round, including agriculture.

ANNEX

HS#	DESCRIPTION
6029930	Herbaceous 'perennials, w/ soil
6029960	Other live plants nes, w/ soil
7141000	Cassava (manioc), fresh or dri
7149010	Fresh dasheens, whole or slice
8011000	Coconuts, shelled or in shell,
8012000	Brazil nuts, shelled or in she
8013000	Cashew nuts, shelled or in she
8029020	Pignolias, in shell, fresh or
8029025	Pignolias, shelled, fresh or d
8030020	Bananas, fresh, dried
8030030	Plantains, fresh
8030040	Plantains, dried
8119010	Bananas, plantains, frozen
8119025	Cash appls, mam colorado, frz
8119030	Coconut meat, frozen
8134015	Barberries, dried
9011100	Coffee, not roasted, not decaf
9011200	Coffee, not roasted, decaffein
9012100	Coffee, roasted, not decaffein
9012200	Coffee, roasted, decaffeinated
9013000	Coffee husks and skins
9023000	Blck tea, in packs <= 3 kgs.
9024000	Blck tea, in packs > 3 kgs
9041100	Pepper, neither cr nor grnd
9041200	Pepper, crushed or grnd
9050000	Vanilla beans
9061000	Cinnamon, neither cr nor grnd
9062000	Cinnamon, crushed or ground
9070000	Cloves (whole fruit, cloves an
9081000	Nutmeg
9082020	Mace, bombay or wild, ground
9082040	Mace, other than ground Bombay
9083000	Cardamoms
9091000	Seeds of anise or badian
9092000	Seeds of coriander
9093000	Seeds of cumin
9094000	Seeds of caraway
9095000	Seeds of fennel or juniper
9101020	Ginger, not ground

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9101040	Ginger, ground
9102000	Saffron
9103000	Tumeric (curcuma)
9104020	Thyme; bay leaves, crude or no
9104030	Thyme, other than crude or not
9105000	Curry
9109920	Origanum (Lippia spp.), crude
9109940	Origanum, other than crude or
9109950	Dill
9109960	Spices nesi
11063020	Flour, of bana., plantains
11081400	Cassava (manioc) starch
12030000	Copra
12071000	Palm kernels and nuts
12079200	Shea nuts (karite nuts), wheth
12079900	Oilseeds, oleaginous fruit, nes
12119040	Mint leaves, nes, of a kind us
12119060	Tonka beans, of a kind used in
12119080	Plants & parts of plants, nes
13012000	Gum Arabic
13019040	Turpentine gum (oleoresinous e
13019090	Gums, resins, gum-resins, nes
13021400	Saps and extracts of pyrethrum
13021920	Poppy straw extract
13021990	Vegetable saps, extracts nes
14011000	Bamboos
14012020	Rattans in the rough
14012040	Rattans, other
14019040	Lime bark, raffia, reeds, rush
14021000	Kapok, of a kind used primaril
14029100	Vegetable hair, of a kind used
14029900	Veg. materials for stuffings
14039020	Istle, of a kind used primaril
14041000	Raw veg mat for tanning/dyeing
14049000	Vegetable products nes
15131100	Coconut (copra) oil, crude
15131900	Coconut (copra) oil, refined
15201000	Glycerol (glycerine), crude;
15209000	Other, including synthetic gly
15211000	Vegetable waxes (other than tr

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15219040	Insect waxes, other than bleac
18010000	Cocoa beans, whole or broken,
18020000	Cocoa shells, husks, skins and
18031000	Cocoa paste, not defatted
18032000	Cocoa paste, defatted
18040000	Cocoa butter, fat and oil
18050000	Cocoa pdr., nt cont added sugar
19030040	Tapioca of other starch
20019042	Chestnuts, p/p acetic acid
20081910	Brazil nuts and cashews, other
20081915	Coconuts, otherwise prepared o
20089100	Palm hearts, otherwise prepare
20089913	Banana pulp, otherwise prepare
20089915	Bananas, other than pulp, othe
20089923	Cashew apples, mameyes colorad
20089935	Lychees, longons, othwise p/p
20089961	Soybeans, otherwise prepared o
20089965	Yucca, otherwise prepared or p
23066000	Oilcake, palm nut
33011400	Essential oils of lime
33012100	Essential oils of geranium
33012200	Essential oils of jasmin
33012600	Essential oils of vetiver
33012910	Essential oils of eucalyptus
33012920	Essential oils of orris
33012950	Essential oils (terpeneless or
44031000	Wood in the rough
44033100	Logs, Red Meranti D or L
44033200	Logs, White Lauan, Meranti,
44033300	Logs, Keruing, Ramin, Kapur,
44033400	Logs, Okoume, Obeche, Sapelli
44033500	Logs, Tiama, Mansonia, Ilomba,
44039900	Logs, other
44072100	Lumber Red Meranti
44072200	Lumber, Okoume, Obeche, Sapell
44072300	Lumber, Baboen, Mahogany, Imb
44079900	Lumber, Nonconiferous
44082000	Veneer, Red Meranti
44089000	Noncon. wood veneer, reinforced
44092010	Nonconiferous wood siding

HS#	DESCRIPTION
44092025	Nonconiferous wood flooring
44092040	Std noncon wood moldings
44092060	Noncon wood dowels, plain
44092090	Noncon, continuous shape, oth
44109000	Particlebrd, of other lig mats.
44189020	Edge-glued lumber
44219015	Plain nonconiferous wood dowel
44219070	Wooden pickets, palings, posts
44219088	Canoe paddles