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Proposal submitted by India

The following communication dated 26 October 1988 has been received from the delegation of India.

On behalf of India, we would like to submit the following proposal for consideration by the Negotiating Group on Tropical Products. The proposal may be circulated to all participants.

The developed countries should first present their specific offers. They should also proceed to implement these offers with effect from 1 January 1989 on a provisional basis. The benficiary developing countries would then assess the benefits and make commensurate contributions consistent with their development, financial and trade needs during the course of the negotiations in the following two years. Concessions would be bound by both developed and developing countries at the end of the Uruguay Round on successful completion of the negotiations. It should be understood however that there should be no insistence that the contributions of developing countries should be on tropical products.