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TROPICAL PRODUCTS

Contributions by Poland

The following communication dated 1 March 1989 has been received from the delegation of Poland with the request that it be circulated to all participants. The communication contains the contributions of Poland on tropical products by way of GSP duty-free treatment.

In pursuance of the commitment of Poland to the objective of achieving the fullest liberalization of trade in tropical products, as contained in the Declaration of Punta del Este and in particular its Part B, subparagraph (ii), as well as having regarded the conduct of negotiations on tropical products before the Montreal meeting, I have the honour to inform of the Polish contribution in this respect as follows:

1. By virtue of the Decree of the Minister of Foreign Economic Relations of 20 December 1988 concerning preferential rates of duty, imports of 247 tropical products, originating in the least developed countries as well as 87 developing countries are duty free as of 1 January 1989.
2. The Polish contribution covers all seven product groups as identified for negotiations according to HS code numbers. It includes therefore not only tropical products but also certain non-tropical products of interest to developing countries.
3. The measures indicated above are to be reassessed at the end of the round in the light of the overall results achieved.

The full text of the above-mentioned decree, which includes in Appendix 3 the list of seven product groups covered by GSP duty-free treatment is being circulated as L/5321/Add.1 - notification by Poland on Generalized System of Preferences.