

**MULTILATERAL TRADE
NEGOTIATIONS
THE URUGUAY ROUND**

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TROPICAL PRODUCTS

Contributions by Singapore

The following communication dated 18 October 1989 has been received from the delegation of Singapore with the request that it be circulated to all participants. The communication contains the contributions of Singapore on tropical products.

SINGAPORE'S CONTRIBUTION TO NEGOTIATIONS
ON TROPICAL PRODUCTS

1. Singapore has been maintaining a liberal trade regime, and its trade in tropical products is no exception. The few trade measures that Singapore maintains for the importation of tropical products are those purely for health, safety and security reasons and in the discharge of Singapore's international obligations. There are very few items subject to such measures.
2. Singapore recognizes the importance of the fullest liberalization of trade in tropical products, in particular to the exports of developing countries. Thus notwithstanding that Singapore already maintains a liberal import regime but desiring to act as a responsible participant committed to the successful conclusion of the negotiations, Singapore will make appropriate contributions commensurate with its development, financial and trade needs as a developing country.
3. In this context, Singapore would like to make some specific contribution towards further improvement of the results of the negotiations obtained thus far. Singapore undertakes to bind the following items at the ceiling rate of 20%:

<u>HS Code</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Binding Rate</u>
0901.11 003	Coffee, not roasted, not) decaffeinated)	20%
0901.12 006	Coffee, not roasted,) decaffeinated)	
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<u>HS Code</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Binding Rate</u>
0904.11	Pepper, neither crushed) nor ground:))	
102	- Black))	
204	- White))	20%
909	- Other))	
1801.00 006	Cocoa beans, whole or) broken, raw or roasted)	

4. These items are presently mfn duty-free and unbound in the GATT. Following conclusion of the Round and in the light of the overall results achieved, Singapore will proceed to implement the bindings. It is Singapore's understanding that this undertaking to bind the above items will be reassessed and withdrawn if other participants withdraw any or all of their contributions.

5. Singapore would also like to reiterate its position that its contribution here should be counted towards Singapore's overall contribution to the Uruguay Round.