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THE URUGUAY ROUND**

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PROPOSALS ON BEHALF OF THE LEAST-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES

Communication from Bangladesh

On 15 February 1988 the delegation of Bangladesh on behalf of the least-developed countries submitted to the Sub-Committee on Trade of Least-Developed Countries a communication on the Uruguay Round and the least-developed countries. This communication which contained preliminary proposals both of a general and specific nature for consideration by participants was transmitted to the negotiating groups through the Chairman of the Group of Negotiations on Goods (MTN.GNG/W/14/Rev.1). At the time the proposals were submitted, the delegation of Bangladesh reserved the right to add to and amend the preliminary proposals and address them to individual negotiating groups.

Accordingly, the following proposals are being submitted for the consideration of the negotiating group.

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Any Agreement/Arrangement resulting out of the negotiations in this Group shall not prevent the least-developed countries from adopting measures and policies in this area which would assist most effectively their economic development and shall provide for improved access to, and ensure effective transfer of technologies.

Contracting parties, when considering application of any remedial measures under the envisaged Agreement/Arrangement, shall ensure that such measures would not affect the vital interest of the least-developed countries.

Contracting parties shall, if requested, give technical assistance to the least-developed countries on mutually-agreed terms and conditions to assist in the preparation of domestic regulations relating to this area.