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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.

Before initiating any action against any exporting least-developed country, the investigating authority in the importing country will notify the concerned least-developed country first of its intention to institute investigation and establish with utmost care the causes of injury, keeping the concerned least-developed country posted.

Establishment of a separate body (e.g. Group of Five) comprising of the Chairmen of the CONTRACTING PARTIES, Council, Committee on Trade and Development, Sub-Committee on the Trade of the Least-Developed Countries and the Director-General of GATT, should be explored with the objective of settling disputes involving the least-developed countries.

Recourse to Panel procedure shall be the ultimate step after exhausting other means available for dispute settlement, including the use of the good offices of the Chairman of the Council or the Director-General of GATT.

In settling disputes involving the least-developed countries, flexibility shall be the rule rather than exception.

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