

**MULTILATERAL TRADE  
NEGOTIATIONS  
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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Rights and benefits under the MTN Agreements and Arrangements shall be extended to all least-developed countries irrespective of whether they are signatory or not to these Agreements and Arrangements.

Measures shall be taken to facilitate or encourage the participation, where possible, of least-developed countries in the MTN Agreements and Arrangements.