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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.

Subsidies are an integral part of economic development programmes of the least-developed countries. Accordingly, the right of the least-developed countries to grant or maintain subsidies, including export subsidies, shall continue to be recognized.

Countervailing/anti-dumping duties shall not be imposed on imports from the least-developed countries unless it is clearly established that subsidized/dumped imports from a least-developed country are the principal cause of injury to the domestic industry, in the importing country. Further, for the determination of injury, imports from a least-developed country shall not be cumulated with subsidized/dumped imports from any other country.

No action under GATT shall be taken recourse to against a least-developed country merely on the basis of a threat of, or potential injury.