

**MULTILATERAL TRADE
NEGOTIATIONS
THE URUGUAY ROUND**

RESTRICTED

MTN.GNG/NG7/W/60

16 November 1989

Special Distribution

Group of Negotiations on Goods (GATT)

Original: English

Negotiating Group on GATT Articles

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 on GATT Articles.

The least-developed countries have chronic balance-of-payments difficulties. Accordingly, they shall continue to exercise the right to impose or maintain trade restrictions, including quantitative restrictions, under the provisions of Article XVIII:B.

Simplified balance-of-payments consultations shall always be used for the least-developed countries.

Special position of the least-developed countries shall be taken into consideration when designing additional criteria for the determination of negotiating rights under the provisions of Article XXVIII:1.

Consideration shall be given to making suitable improvements in the Decision of 28 November 1979 on "Differential and More Favourable Treatment, Reciprocity and Fuller Participation of Developing Countries" (the Enabling Clause) to embrace any special and differential measures taken by Contracting Parties in favour of the least-developed countries, including the relevant provisions of the Ministerial Declaration of 1982.