

**MULTILATERAL TRADE
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Group of Negotiations on Goods (GATT)
Negotiating Group on Tropical Products

SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

Technical Note by the Secretariat

1. Following the agreement reached in the Negotiating Group on procedures for the continuation of negotiations (document MTN.GNG/NG6/20), participants are requested to submit their proposals, on a line-by-line basis,¹ by 15 March 1990, to the secretariat, in accordance with the model annexed to the above-mentioned document.

2. Participants are requested to provide to the secretariat, at the same time as the submission of their proposals, a summary of the proposal together with a demonstration that it is in conformity with the Mid-Term Review Decision concerning tropical products. Simultaneously participants are requested to submit any proposals regarding non-tariff measures affecting trade in tropical products (see paragraph 2 of document NG6/20).

3. Referring to the model annexed to document NG6/20, participants should indicate in the column "base rate or non-tariff measure", whether the item is already fully bound (B), partially bound (P), or unbound (U). For specific compound or mixed duties, the ad valorem equivalents (AVE) should also be indicated. In order to facilitate the reading of the lists, the information in columns "base rate or non-tariff measure" and "proposal"² should be reported, to the extent possible, as shown in the example below:

	Base rate or non-tariff measure			Proposal	
Specific duty	1.2 \$/kg	B	12.0%	0.8 \$/kg	8.0%
Mixed duty	10.0% or			7.0% or	
	1.2 \$/kg if lower	U	10.0%	0.9 \$/kg if lower	7.0%
<u>Ad valorem</u> duty		B	5.0%		3.5%
Non-tariff measure	Existing measure			Proposed action	

¹These proposals may include the contributions on a provisional basis which have been already notified in the context of negotiations on tropical products. It is requested that an asterisk be attached to the tariff item number with respect to such notified contributions.

²Any proposals on GSP in conformity with the relevant provisions of the Enabling Clause may be submitted with the indication of relevant MFN rates for reference purposes. Reference should be made to the country or quantitative limitations of GSP treatment, if any.

4. Proposals may be submitted in any of the official GATT languages, i.e. English, French or Spanish. In accordance with past practice, the proposals will not be translated.

5. Participants are requested to provide to the secretariat initially 120 copies of each proposal.³

6. In order to ensure confidentiality, the secretariat will distribute, against receipt, two copies of the proposals stamped "SECRET", each copy being numbered, to the participants who will have submitted proposals (see the penultimate sentence in paragraph 2 of document NG6/20).

7. In order to facilitate the task of the secretariat in preparing the documentation for the first meeting to review and assess the proposals submitted (see paragraph 3 of document NG6/20), participants who have the means to do so are invited to submit their proposals on computer tape, in addition to the submission of the 120 copies on paper of their proposals mentioned in paragraph 5 above. For this purpose, participants should use the format of the tariff files submitted to the Integrated Data Base (IDB). Participants wishing to adopt a different format or wishing to submit the information on other machine readable media (personal computer diskettes, etc.) may contact the secretariat⁴ for further details.

³The documentation should be addressed to Mr. T. Takase, Development Division, Room 2015, Telephone: 739 51 40.

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