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MEETING OF 6-7 JUNE 1990

Note by the Secretariat

1. The Group held its twentieth meeting on 6-7 June 1990 under the Chairmanship of Ambassador Julio A. Lacarte-Muró (Uruguay). The Group adopted the agenda set out in GATT/AIR/3001, it being understood that there would be opportunity at future meetings to revert to certain matters not listed in the agenda.

2. The Chairman opened the meeting by stressing the need for the Group to sharpen the focus of its work over the coming weeks. A number of delegations then made comments of a general nature concerning the work of the Group. A representative of a number of contracting parties recalled the relationship between a strengthened dispute settlement system and the achievement of a balance of rights and obligations among all contracting parties at the end of the Uruguay Round. Another delegation emphasized that the Group would have to focus its attention on the final stages of the dispute settlement process, in particular on procedures to reduce the opportunity for blockage in adoption and implementation of panel recommendations. It was also said that maintaining improvements in the dispute settlement system would depend on agreeing on a complete package in the Uruguay Round.

3. The Group then adjourned the formal session and proceeded to consider items A and B of the agenda in informal session. The Group resumed in formal session under item C of the agenda and decided that the next meeting of the Group would be on 12-13 July 1990.