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SUMMARY OF THE MAIN POINTS AT THE NINTH MEETING OF
THE WORKING GROUP ON SANITARY AND PHYTOSANITARY
REGULATIONS AND BARRIERS

(2-4 July 1990)

Note by the Secretariat

1. The Working Group met on an informal basis on 2-3 July to discuss in depth the draft text for a framework agreement on sanitary and phytosanitary measures contained in document MTN.GNG/NG5/WGSP/W/23.
2. The Working Group met formally on 4 July 1990 to review what types of revisions would be made to the draft text before its submission to the Negotiating Group on Agriculture. It was agreed that this draft could serve as the basis for continuing the development of disciplines for sanitary and phytosanitary measures. It was stressed that the text in its entirety was provisional at this time and open for further modifications, and without prejudice to any final decisions taken by any contracting party.
3. The Working Group also undertook a preliminary discussion of specific suggestions for definitions and modifications submitted by Canada, Australia, the European Communities, the Nordic countries and the United States, as well as of concerns with respect to dispute settlement provisions raised by the United States. It was agreed that these issues would be further considered at the next meeting of the Working Group.
4. Several participants suggested that the secretariat of the Working Group should consult with the relevant international organizations in the near future, to further discuss the appropriate relationship between the organizations in the light of the draft text.
5. The Working Group agreed to meet again on 11-13 September for the purpose of preparing the legal text of an agreement.