MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS THE URUGUAY ROUND

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Group of Negotiations on Goods (GATT)

Negotiating Group on MTN Agreements and Arrangements

MEETING OF 29-30 OCTOBER 1990

1. The meeting was chaired by Dr. Chalsu Kim (Republic of Korea).

2. After a brief introduction by the Chairman, and upon his suggestion, the meeting was suspended on 29 October and reconvened on 30 October 1990.

A. <u>Adoption of each section of the report by the</u> Negotiating Group to the GNG

3. The Negotiating Group <u>adopted</u>, section by section, the text of its report to the Group of Negotiations on Goods (MTN.GNG/NG8/W/85).

4. The following statements were made with regard to three of the sections contained therein:

(i) The Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade

5. After adoption of the text relating to this Agreement one delegation expressed its understanding, which it thought would be shared by all delegations, that Article 12 of this Agreement applied to all of the Agreement, including the new Annex 3: "Code of Good Practice for the Preparation, Adoption and Application of Standards".

(ii) The Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures

6. One delegation, while not commenting on the proposed text relating to this Agreement, recalled that it had made a statement with respect to the reservation referred to in MTN.GNG/NG8/W/85 at the previous meeting of the Negotiating Group. Its points and concerns remained.

(iii) <u>The Agreement on Implementation and Application of Article VII</u> (Customs Valuation Code)

7. Before adopting the text relating to this Agreement the <u>Chairman</u> stated the following:

"It is my understanding that the decision and the statement has been agreed in the expectation that consideration of accession to the Customs Valuation Code will be facilitated and therefore participation in the Code will be increased. It is desirable that those contracting parties which are in a position to do so, would give an indication of intent to accede to the Code as soon as possible." MTN.GNG/NG8/22 Page 2

B. Other Business: Provisions on Dispute Settlement

8. One delegation stated that it thought many, if not all, participants shared the wish to incorporate, to the extent appropriate, the results of the Negotiating Group on Dispute Settlement into the MTN Agreements. It expected that this work would continue, as appropriate.

9. Another spokesman stated that the delegations he represented also saw a need for some work to be done in this field, in the remaining time of the Round, especially to take note of the work which was to be finalized in the NG13.

C. Adopting of the report as a whole

10. The Negotiating Group <u>adopted</u>, as a whole, its report to the Group on Negotiations on Goods, as set out in MTN.GNG/NG8/W/85.