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SUMMARY RECORD OF THE MEETINGS OF THE NEGOTIATING GROUP
ON AGRICULTURE ON 12 AND 18 JUNE 1991

Note by the Secretariat

1. In opening the meeting of the Negotiating Group on Agriculture on 12 June 1991, the Chairman paid tribute to Mr. Aart de Zeeuw, who had previously chaired the agriculture negotiations, and to Mr. Jean-Marc Lucq, former Director of the Agriculture Division. He recalled, in particular, Mr. de Zeeuw's sense of duty to the Uruguay Round, his loyalty, perserverance and humour, resulting in an important contribution to the negotiating process. The Chairman indicated that Mr. Lucq had, after several extensions, taken his retirement. However, given Mr. Lucq's unrivaled skills and knowledge, he expected that Mr. Lucq would continue to be very active. He noted that it was difficult, in both a professional and personal sense, to take leave of a colleague who had made an indelible mark on the history of the institution.
2. The Chairman presented his report on the technical consultations which he had held since February 1991. These consultations had been on the subjects of domestic support and market access. He indicated his intention to hold consultations in the coming days on export competition and concerning the implementation of special and differential treatment for developing countries in respect of domestic support. He further reported that no consultations had been held on sanitary and phytosanitary measures.
3. One participant drew attention to the extensive amount of research which had been undertaken on agriculture in the developing countries. These indicated the fragility of tropical and sub-saharan areas, especially their soil conditions. These factors would need to be accomodated, as the capacity of these countries to provide market access depended on their ability to export.
4. At the meeting of the Negotiating Group on Agriculture on 18 June 1991, the Chairman reported on the consultations he had held on export competition and on special and differential treatment in respect of domestic support. He indicated that he would prepare an options paper for the purpose of focusing the discussions, leading to a point where it would be possible to consider a framework for the negotiations proper. The options paper would be available around 24 June 1991.