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The Government of Guatemala wishes to associate itself with the justified expressions of gratitude to the Director-General, the GATT Secretariat and its services, the value of whose work cannot be overstated.

The road since Punta del Este has been long and difficult. Since then, countries such as Guatemala have acceded to GATT, inspired by the ideals expressed in the Punta del Este Declaration and trusting in the opportunities which would open up before us. GATT has now been strengthened by the Uruguay Round Negotiations and it should come forward with equitable and balanced solutions. Nevertheless, we note with concern that some products are still the subject of restrictions; the Round will not have met its objectives if it does not combat the imbalance between developed and developing countries, if it does not replace discriminatory treatment regarding market access to which we, banana producing countries in Latin America, are subject by a system in which each and every one of us has equal opportunities, if it does not effectively liberalize all the products which are of interest to developing countries, but above all its achievements will be discredited and will simply be a dead letter for small countries such as Guatemala if the system for the settlement of disputes is not strengthened and respected.

Guatemala wants to continue working with all of you to strengthen the multilateral trade system so that the promised trade liberalization becomes reality.