## SUBJECT: GROUP ON TROPICAL PRODUCTS

AS AGREED BY THE TRADE NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE ON 7 FEBRUARY, A MEETING OF THE GROUP ON TROPICAL PRODUCTS, ESTABLISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAYOUT OF PARAGRAPH 3(f) OF THE TOKYO DECLARATION, WILL BE CONVENED AT 3 P.M. ON MONDAY, 18 FEBRUARY. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE PALAIS DES NATIONS.

IN TERMS OF PARAGRAPH 16 OF THE WORK PROGRAMME, THE GROUP IS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE, IN THE LIGHT OF THE WORK UNDERTAKEN BY THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL BODIES, THE STUDIES OF ALL THE PERTINENT DATA ON TRADE IN TROPICAL PRODUCTS, DUE ACCOUNT BEING TAKEN OF THE FACTORS WHICH INFLUENCE THIS TRADE SUCH AS SUPPLY, DEMAND, PRICES, AND THE LEVEL OF THE EXPORT RECEIPTS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. A BACKGROUND NOTE WILL BE ISSUED BY THE SECRETARIAT.

THE MEETING IS OPEN TO THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE INDICATED THEIR DECISION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS AND HAVE THUS ASSUMED MEMBERSHIP OF THE TRADE NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE. SUCH MEMBERS ARE ACCORDINGLY INVITED TO INFORM ME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE OF THE NAMES OF THEIR REPRESENTATIVES WHO WILL ATTEND THE MEETING OF THE GROUP.

REPRESENTATIVES NOT HAVING YET REGISTERED FOR THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS ARE REQUESTED TO REGISTER WITH THE CONFERENCE OFFICER, VILLA LE BOCAGE, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO OBTAIN THE NECESSARY ENTRANCE CARD.

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