

SUBJECT: GROUP "TROPICAL PRODUCTS"

1. THE NEXT MEETING OF THE GROUP "TROPICAL PRODUCTS" WILL BE HELD DURING THE PERIOD 18-20 OCTOBER COMMENCING AT 3 P.M. ON MONDAY, 18 OCTOBER IN THE INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS UNION BUILDING (ENTRANCE AVENUE GIUSEPPE MOTTA).
2. AS AGREED AT ITS LAST MEETING, THE GROUP IS EXPECTED TO: (A) REVIEW THE PROGRESS OF THE BILATERAL OR PLURILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS WHICH MAY HAVE TAKEN PLACE; (B) CARRY FORWARD THE MULTILATERAL DISCUSSION OF THE OFFERS MADE; AND (C) REVIEW ANY OTHER OUTSTANDING PROBLEMS INCLUDING THE QUESTION OF FINALIZATION OF CONCESSIONS (MTN/TP/6, PARAGRAPH 12). (D) IN ADDITION, THE GROUP MAY WISH TO REVERT TO POINTS COVERED BY PARAGRAPHS 1(v), 1(ix) AND 2(iii) OF THE GUIDELINES RELATING TO SPECIAL AND PRIORITY TREATMENT, MULTILATERAL ACTION AND THE TAKING ACCOUNT OF SOLUTIONS PROPOSED IN GROUP 3(F) RESPECTIVELY (MTN/TP/6, PARAGRAPH 13).
3. AS BACKGROUND FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF POINTS (A), (B) AND (C), LISTS OF REQUESTS AND INITIAL OFFERS HAVE BEEN CIRCULATED TO PARTICIPANTS IN THE GROUP "TROPICAL PRODUCTS". A NOTE ON THE STATUS OF THE BILATERAL OR PLURILATERAL CONSULTATIONS OR NEGOTIATIONS BASED ON INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO THE SECRETARIAT WILL BE CIRCULATED TO PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES. WITH REGARD TO POINT (D), PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS HAVE TAKEN PLACE ON THESE SUBJECTS AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS HAVING AS BACKGROUND A SECRETARIAT NOTE (MTN/TP/W/12).
4. THE MEETING IS OPEN TO THOSE COUNTRIES HAVING AN INTEREST IN TRADE IN TROPICAL PRODUCTS 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.
5. REPRESENTATIVES NOT HAVING YET REGISTERED FOR THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS ARE REQUESTED TO REGISTER WITH THE CONFERENCE OFFICER, VILLA LE BOCAJE, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, TO OBTAIN THE NECESSARY ENTRANCE CARDS.

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