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SUBJECT: FURTHER MEETING OF THE GROUP ON RESIDUAL RESTRICTIONS

AT ITS THIRD MEETING, HELD FROM 13 TO 15 JULY, THE GROUP ON RESIDUAL RESTRICTIONS CARRIED OUT COUNTRY-BY-COUNTRY DISCUSSIONS WITH CONTRACTING PARTIES REGARDING RESTRICTIONS MAINTAINED BY THEM ON PRODUCTS NOTIFIED IN THE CONTEXT OF THE KENNEDY ROUND AS BEING OF EXPORT INTEREST TO THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT, THE GROUP ALSO HAD A PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION OF THE REPORTS RECEIVED FROM GOVERNMENTS REGARDING ACTION TAKEN OR PROPOSED TO BE TAKEN FOR THE ELIMINATION OF REMAINING RESTRICTIONS ON PRODUCTS NOTIFIED EARLIER TO COMMITTEE III (SR.23/10 PAGE 156 AND COM.TD/24 PARAGRAPH 15).

SINCE THE QUESTION OF APPROPRIATE ACTION FOR DEALING WITH THE PROBLEM OF RESIDUAL RESTRICTIONS ON PRODUCTS OF EXPORT INTEREST TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WILL BE TAKEN UP BY THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT AT ITS NEXT MEETING, THE GROUP AGREED THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO RECONVENE IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO THAT MEETING TO CONSIDER THE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS IT MAY APPROPRIATELY TRANSMIT TO THE COMMITTEE IN THE LIGHT OF FURTHER INDICATIONS FROM GOVERNMENTS OF PROGRESS IN ACHIEVING TRADE LIBERALIZATION. THE GROUP ALSO INVITED CONTRACTING PARTIES MAINTAINING RESTRICTIONS ON PRODUCTS OF EXPORT INTEREST TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO GIVE FURTHER CONSIDERATION, AS APPROPRIATE, TO THE STEPS THEY WOULD WISH TO PROPOSE FOR DEALING WITH THE PROBLEM OF REMAINING RESTRICTIONS.

TO FACILITATE THE WORK OF THE GROUP, IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF CONTRACTING PARTIES CONCERNED WOULD PROVIDE BY 25 SEPTEMBER INFORMATION TO THE SECRETARIAT REGARDING ANY FURTHER PROGRESS IN REMOVING RESTRICTIONS ON PRODUCTS OF INTEREST TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND INDICATIONS CONCERNING STEPS ENVISAGED BY THEM FOR DEALING WITH REMAINING RESTRICTIONS.

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