

**MULTILATERAL TRADE  
NEGOTIATIONS  
THE URUGUAY ROUND**

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**Group of Negotiations on Goods (GATT)**  
Negotiating Group on Tariffs

PROCEDURES FOR THE NEGOTIATIONS

1. In order to comply with the agreement reached by the Trade Negotiations Committee at its mid-term review in relation to tariffs, each participant will provide the secretariat by 15 March 1990 with a proposal for the reduction, elimination and binding of its respective tariffs on a line-by-line basis, in accordance with the attached Annex. A summary of each participant's proposal should also be provided, together with a demonstration that the proposal is in conformity with the mid-term agreement. After having received such proposals, the secretariat will distribute them simultaneously to all participants who have submitted proposals.
2. Participants agree that the tariff negotiations will be conducted in a transparent manner, and to this end no later than 18 April 1990 participants which have submitted proposals will hold a first meeting to review and assess these proposals. The periodic review and assessment process will allow participants to determine whether individual proposals comply with the mid-term review agreement. It will be based, inter alia, on documentation to be provided by the secretariat using customary, recognized statistical methods. Concessions made in other negotiating groups will be taken fully into account in assessing a participant's contribution to tariff reductions.
3. Participants will endeavour to submit by 30 April 1990 to the other participants involved and simultaneously to the secretariat, preliminary request lists for improvements to adjust the proposals submitted.
4. Participants also agree that in order to conduct meaningful tariff negotiations, data on tariffs, bindings and trade will be submitted by all participants without further delay.
5. Participants have agreed that in the negotiation on tariff concessions, current nomenclatures should be employed and that the base rates for the negotiations will be the bound m.f.n. rates and, for the unbound rates, the normally applicable rates in September 1986.

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ANNEX

Proposal on Tariffs submitted by [participant]

Tariff item number <sup>1</sup>	Description of products	Base rate	Proposal	Remarks

<sup>1</sup>To indicate nomenclature used.