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CONCLUDING REMARKS BY THE CHAIRMAN

I have listened carefully to the views expressed by participants during our meeting as well as in my informal consultations. They have confirmed my assessment that my draft proposal for a framework cannot be formally adopted by the Group, and that the various points that have been made in our discussion of it will have to be addressed in the negotiation. But I have also seen your agreement to use my draft text as a means to intensify the negotiations. I also recommend that all participants table country lists in the areas of internal support, border protection and export competition not later than 1 October. A number of participants have asked for clarification about the way in which the information in the country lists should be assembled. I intend to ask the secretariat to produce a note setting out formats for the guidance of participants in providing information in each area. I should repeat my view that the country lists are not offer lists; they are intended as a practical means of advancing substantive negotiations. The tabling of these country lists is without prejudice to the negotiating positions of participants or to the outcome of the negotiations. Once these country lists are tabled negotiations will provide a concrete opportunity for addressing the points made by a number of participants in connection with the draft text.

I have taken particular note of the points raised by developing countries concerning the submission of country lists. I expect them also to endeavour to table their country lists by 1 October. However, I think it is widely recognized by the Group that flexibility should apply to developing countries as to how detailed and comprehensive these lists might be.

It is also my assessment that as we undertake the construction of a concrete basis for the negotiation we need also to begin substantive work with the negotiation on substance and towards strengthened and more operationally effective GATT rules and disciplines. Accordingly, I have proposed that we start this work in the week of 27 August.