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MEETING OF 10-12 OCTOBER 1988

Note by the Secretariat

1. The Group held its eleventh meeting from 10 to 12 October 1988 under the Chairmanship of Ambassador Julio A. Lacarte-Muró (Uruguay). The Group adopted the agenda set out in GATT/AIR/2681, following agreement to add to this agenda two papers distributed on 10 October 1988, a Revision of a "Communication from Mexico", circulated as document MTN.GNG/NG13/W/26/Rev.1, and a "Dispute Settlement Proposal" made on behalf of a group of countries, circulated as document MTN.GNG/NG13/W/30.

Continuation of consideration of submissions

2. The Group had before it the revised "Communication from Mexico" (MTN.GNG/NG13/W/26/Rev.1), the "Dispute Settlement Proposal" made on behalf of a group of countries (MTN.GNG/NG13/W/30), and two notes prepared by the Secretariat, entitled "Comparison of Existing Texts and Proposals for Improvements to the GATT Dispute Settlement System" (MTN.GNG/NG13/W/29/Rev.1) and "Differential and More Favourable Treatment of Developing Countries in the GATT Dispute Settlement System" (MTN.GNG/NG13/W/27/Rev.1).

3. In informal session, the Group proceeded to discuss the revised Mexican paper and the proposal made on behalf of a number of countries. It was agreed that the Chairman would draw on these submissions and the detailed discussions relating thereto in preparing a draft Chairman's paper for circulation to the Group prior to its next meeting. It was further agreed that the Chairman's paper would be in the nature of a comprehensive proposal for improvements to existing GATT dispute settlement rules and procedures, to be accompanied by a recommendation that the proposal be adopted by the Ministers at the Mid-Term Review and implemented on a trial basis as of 1 January 1989.

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Other business, including arrangements for the next meeting of the Group

4. The Group agreed to hold its next meeting on 2 November 1988. The Group also agreed to hold an informal meeting, open to all participants, prior to the 2 November 1988 meeting in order to consider the draft Chairman's paper and a draft Chairman's Report to the GNG. These papers were circulated by the Chairman to all participants on 20 October 1988, at which time the Chairman also notified participants that the informal meeting would be held on 31 October 1988, with the possibility of its continuation on 1 November 1988.