

**MULTILATERAL TRADE
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THE URUGUAY ROUND**

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XIX LATIN AMERICAN COUNCIL - DECLARATION
ON THE URUGUAY ROUND

In a communication dated 11 November 1993, the delegation of Mexico, as Co-ordinator of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean countries, has requested that the Declaration issued on the occasion of the meeting of the XIX Latin American Council of SELA, held in Caracas, Venezuela on 25-29 October 1993, be circulated to the participants in the Uruguay Round as follows.

THE LATIN AMERICAN COUNCIL

CONSIDERING the permanent evaluation which the countries of the region, with the support of the Permanent Secretariat of SELA and the LATINTRADE Project, are conducting on the situation of the Uruguay Round, and

IN THE LIGHT OF the importance to them of a successful outcome of the negotiations with a global, balanced package which takes their interests fully into account, offers them real opportunities for access to markets in goods and services, and establishes a system of strengthened, effective and predictable rules for international trade;

REAFFIRMS the full support of Latin America and the Caribbean for the achievement of the objectives of the Uruguay Round and the firm political will of the countries of the region which has been expressed at the highest levels, as reflected in the Ministerial Declaration issued in Montevideo on 17 September 1993 and the Presidential Declaration of Santiago de Chile of 16 October 1993;

NOTES WITH CONCERN that, barely seven weeks from the deadline established by the Trade Negotiations Committee for the completion of the negotiating process, instead of substantive progress attempts are being made to weaken the implementation of the objectives of the Punta del Este Declaration and the commitments and disciplines in the drafts of the "Dunkel Final Act";

CALLS ON the entire international community, and especially on the highest political authorities in the industrialized countries, to proceed to the multilateral conclusion of the Uruguay Round, in a manner which wholly fulfils the commitments laid down in the Punta del Este Declaration and in the results of the 1988 Montreal Mid-Term Review Meeting, and on the basis of the Draft Final Act of the Uruguay Round of Trade Negotiations tabled by Arthur Dunkel.