

6. The above-mentioned long-term objective is to provide for substantial progressive reductions in agricultural support and protection sustained over an agreed period of time, resulting in correcting and preventing restrictions and distortions in world agricultural markets. This goal will be realized through negotiations on specific policies and measures, through the negotiation of commitments on an aggregate measurement of support, the terms of which will be negotiated, or through a combination of these approaches. Credit will be given for measures implemented since the Punta del Este Declaration which contribute positively to the reform programme.

7. In realizing the long-term objective stated above, the strengthened and more operationally effective GATT rules and disciplines, which would be equally applicable to all contracting parties, and the commitments to be negotiated, should encompass all measures affecting directly or indirectly import access and export competition, in particular:

Import access

- quantitative and other non-tariff access restrictions, whether maintained under waivers, protocols of accession or other derogations and exceptions, and all measures not explicitly provided for in the General Agreement, and the matter of conversion of the measures listed above into tariffs;
- tariffs, including bindings;

Subsidies and export competition

- internal support measures (including income and price support) which directly or indirectly affect trade;
- direct budgetary assistance to exports, other payments on products exported and other forms of export assistance.