

7. Accordingly, guidelines should be established by Ministers to enable the desired long-term GATT regime to be achieved. Ministers should agree:

- (i) to a progressive reduction in agricultural support, focussing on the removal of trade distorting subsidies and access barriers;
- (ii) to a maximum time frame in which all countries will be expected to bring their agricultural regimes into conformity with the long-term regime;
- (iii) that all policy instruments which distort agricultural trade will be brought under effective GATT rules and disciplines. This will be achieved by:
  - (a) negotiating new and/or amended rules to govern the most trade distorting policies;
  - (b) negotiating disciplines on the use of policy measures not subject to new or amended rules, through use, for example, the use of benchmark ceilings on aggregate support levels;
  - (c) bringing into conformity with the long-term regime all waivers, protocols of accession or other derogations and measures not based on GATT rules and disciplines;
- (iv) that with the application of the long-term regime, trade in agricultural products will be integrated fully into the generally applicable provisions and mechanisms for consultation, surveillance and dispute settlement within the GATT system, as strengthened through negotiations in the Uruguay Round.

#### EXEMPTED MEASURES

8. The Cairns Group's initial proposal envisages that certain measures with humanitarian objectives, including consumption subsidies, for infrastructure development, or for the promotion of structural adjustment, could be