

. **Natural Resource Based Products:** fullest possible liberalization consistent with progress in Groups on Tariffs and NTM's.

. **Textiles and Clothing:** one of four outstanding issues, a main focus being the future of the current Multifibre Agreement.

. **Tropical Products:** an initial package of tariff concessions for developing country exporters was agreed and is expected to be implemented in 1989 when the current impasse is overcome.

B) Agriculture

. at an impasse over the degree of trade liberalization to be achieved in long term reform; elements of the Report by the Chairman of the Agriculture Negotiating Group are an agreed basis for discussions.

C) Trade Rules on Goods

. **GATT Articles:** clarification of various Articles dealing inter alia with balance of payments, state trading and procedures for re-negotiations of tariff concessions are to proceed.

. **Tokyo Round Codes:** there is agreement that specific texts should be submitted to expedite the re-negotiation of the existing Agreements on Government Procurement, Licensing, Technical Barriers and Anti-dumping.

. **Safeguards:** this is one of four outstanding issues but the need for a comprehensive agreement was reiterated.

. **Subsidies and Countervail:** there is an agreed negotiating framework for a balanced and comprehensive review of the existing Code, covering prohibited subsidies, non-prohibited but actionable subsidies (including definition and calculation of subsidies), non-actionable subsidies (including definition of general availability and non-preferentiality), notification and surveillance, as well as dispute settlement.

D) Institutional Reform

. **Dispute Settlement:** an agreed set of streamlined procedures for the establishment of Panels, adoption of Panel reports, and tighter timeframes for different steps of the Panel process. This will be implemented on an initial trial basis after the April TNC.