

DRAFTS BUT NOT NECESSARILY AGREED TEXTS BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR SO THAT SUBSEQUENT NEGOTIATING ACTIVITY CAN FOCUS ON SPECIFIC OUTSTANDING ISSUES WITH RESPECT TO EACH SUCH NON-TARIFF MEASURE.

NEGOTIATIONS ON SAFEGUARDS (OR TEMPORARY EMERGENCY RESTRICTIONS MADE NECESSARY WHERE IMPORTS CAUSE OR THREATEN SERIOUS INJURY TO DOMESTIC PRODUCTION) IS ALSO AN IMPORTANT FOCUS OF ACTIVITY IN GENEVA AND WILL BE INCREASINGLY SO OVER THE COURSE OF THE COMING MONTHS. FOR MANY PARTICIPANTS, THE NEED FOR RULES TO ALLOW SUCH MEASURES OF RELIEF TO BE AVAILABLE IN INSTANCES OF REAL NECESSITY BUT NOT TO PERMIT ARBITRARY OR UNWARRANTED UNDERMINING OF NEGOTIATED ACCESS IS A KEY ELEMENT OF THE NEGOTIATIONS. A VERY IMPORTANT ISSUE IN THIS CONNECTION IS WHETHER OR NOT ANY NEW RULES SHOULD PERMIT "SELECTIVE" RATHER THAN "GLOBAL" APPLICATION OF SAFEGUARDS MEASURES.

IT CANNOT BE EMPHASIZED TOO MUCH AT THIS POINT, THAT THE TARIFF PLAN TO BE AGREED IN GENEVA, INEED THE NEGOTIATING FRAMEWORK AS A WHOLE, IS ONLY THE STARTING POINT FOR THE SUBSTANTIVE NEGOTIATIONS. THERE WILL REMAIN THE TOUGH BARGAINING NECESSARY TO SECURE OVERALL AND PARTICULAR RECIPROCITY. WHAT IS NOW THE FOCUS OF ATTENTION WILL CERTAINLY BE SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION THROUGH THE PROCESS AS ACCOMMODATIONS ARE REACHED AND AS THE IMPACT OF OFFERS AND