

**DEMARCHE PRESENTED TO GATT DIRECTOR GENERAL ARTHUR
DUNKEL (CHAIRMAN OF THE AGRICULTURE NEGOTIATING GROUP)
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In the Ministerial declaration at Punta Del Este and reconfirmed at the mid-term review, contracting parties agreed that the negotiations shall aim *inter alia* to achieve strengthened and more operationally effective GATT rules and disciplines on agriculture.

We believe that comprehensive tariffication without exception should not be considered as the only way to contribute to the expansion of agricultural trade. While some of us have other reasons for having proposed that there should be carefully circumscribed exceptions to the concept of comprehensive tariffication, the following participants are united in the view that, consistent with the agreed objectives of the round, GATT Article XI:2(C) (i) must be strengthened and clarified and that the provisions of the draft text on agriculture be modified to exclude from tariffication trade measures taken consistent with Article XI.

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