

A VIABLE MULTILATERAL TRADING SYSTEM, AND TO RE-AFFIRM OUR COMMITMENT TO THE CONDUCT OF OUR TRADE POLICIES WITHIN, AND SUPPORTIVE OF, ESTABLISHED INTERNATIONAL TRADE RULES.

I HAVE OFFERED SOME OBSERVATIONS ON A NUMBER OF THE CHALLENGES BEFORE US, AND ON THOSE ISSUES WHERE LEADERSHIP MUST BE ASSUMED BY OECD MINISTERS. TRADE IS A PRIME INSTIGATOR OF ECONOMIC GROWTH - IN IMPORTANT PART THROUGH ITS CONTRIBUTION TO STRUCTURAL ADJUSTMENT - AND FURTHER LIBERALIZATION IS REQUIRED FOR IT TO BE ABLE TO FULFILL ITS FULL POTENTIAL IN THIS REGARD. TO SEE THIS POTENTIAL REALIZED, WE MUST SHOW LEADERSHIP IN ENGINEERING A SUCCESSFUL AND SUBSTANTIVE CONCLUSION TO THE URUGUAY ROUND BY THE END OF 1990, AND IN RENOUNCING THE USE OF UNILATERAL MEASURES INCONSISTENT WITH THE GATT WHICH WOULD COMPROMISE THIS OBJECTIVE.

I WOULD HOPE, THEREFORE, THAT THE RESULTS OF THIS MEETING, AS REFLECTED BY THE COMMUNIQUE, WILL ENDORSE THESE THOUGHTS AND THAT WE WILL ALL LEAVE PARIS DETERMINED TO HONOUR THEM.