

MEASURES WHICH HAVE A NEGATIVE EFFECT ON WORLD AGRICULTURAL TRADE AND TO ADVANCING NEGOTIATIONS TO LIBERALIZE AGRICULTURAL TRADE IN THE URUGUAY ROUND.

MINISTERS COMMENDED THE PRIME MINISTER OF CANADA, THE RIGHT HONOURABLE BRIAN MULRONEY, FOR PLAYING A KEY ROLE IN HAVING AGRICULTURE ADDRESSED AS A MAJOR ITEM OF IMPORTANCE AT THE TOKYO ECONOMIC SUMMIT IN 1986.

MINISTERS HOPED THAT PRIME MINISTER MULRONEY WOULD BE PREPARED TO PLAY A SIMILAR ROLE AT THE VENICE ECONOMIC SUMMIT BY CONVEYING THE IMPORTANCE ATTACHED BY THE GROUP TO A COMMITMENT BY SUMMIT PARTICIPANTS TO ADDRESS URGENTLY THE NEED FOR EARLY AGRICULTURAL TRADE REFORM.

MINISTERS CONGRATULATED THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA FOR ITS INITIATIVE IN CONVENING THIS MEETING AND EXPRESSED THEIR GRATITUDE FOR ITS HOSPITALITY.

THE NEXT MINISTERIAL MEETING WILL BE HELD IN ARGENTINA AT A TIME TO BE AGREED, IN THE LIGHT OF DEVELOPMENTS.

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