

Central and Eastern European economies, which have been encouraged by the industrialized world, and are seriously threatened by the lack of fair market opportunities for their products.

12. Additionally, a failure of the Uruguay Round would risk continued erosion of the multilateral trading system, the danger of trading blocs becoming inward-looking and of an intensified resort to unilateral measures to gain negotiating leverage and thereby force concessions from negotiating partners. Conversely, a successful Round would strengthen and widen the multilateral system.

13. In reaffirming their commitment to bring the Uruguay Round to a successful early conclusion, the Ministers expressed the strength of their resolve that the Round could not and would not conclude, in whole or in part, without a substantial outcome on agriculture.

14. In concluding, the Ministers expressed their deep appreciation to Minister Cabrera and the Brazilian Government for their initiative in hosting the meeting and for the hospitality that had been accorded to the Cairns Group.