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## AGRICULTURE – PARAGRAPH 4 AND ANNEX A TO THE DRAFT MINISTERIAL TEXT

Communication from Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador,  
Peru and Venezuela

The following communication, dated 3 September 2003, has been received by the Chairman of the General Council from the Permanent Missions of Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela.

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We are writing to you in connection with paragraph 4 and Annex A of the Draft Cancún Ministerial Text, which concern the agriculture negotiations and the framework for establishing modalities with respect to agriculture, since they refer to the adoption of the framework concerning the further commitments and related disciplines on key outstanding issues on market access.

Bolivia, Ecuador, Colombia, Peru and Venezuela hereby note, for the official record of the Conference, that among the outstanding issues of the Uruguay Round is paragraph 5<sup>1</sup> of the preamble of the Agreement on Agriculture, an issue on which full agreement must be reached during these negotiations. We therefore propose that Annex A of the Draft Cancún Ministerial Text be amended to include a new paragraph, which would follow paragraph 2.4 and would read as follows:

"2.5 All developed countries shall provide duty free access to all tropical products and others mentioned in the preamble of the Agreement on Agriculture as well as to other agricultural products representing at least [ ] per cent of imports from developing countries." <sup>2</sup>

In the light of the above, we request that this communication be distributed as a formal document of the Fifth Ministerial Conference.

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<sup>1</sup> *"Having agreed that in implementing their commitments on market access, developed country Members would take fully into account the particular needs and conditions of developing country Members by providing for a greater improvement of opportunities and terms of access for agricultural products of particular interest to these Members, including the fullest liberalization of trade in tropical agricultural products as agreed at the Mid-Term Review, and for products of particular importance to the diversification of production from the growing of illicit narcotic crops".*

<sup>2</sup> Taken from document JOB(03)/162, and based on document JOB(02)/113, a proposal submitted by Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru.