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MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Held in the Centre William Rappard
on 25 March 1998

Chairperson: Mr. R. Saborío Soto (Costa Rica)

The meeting was convened by a fax dated 23 March 1998 to consider the proposed nomination for the Chairperson of the Market Access Committee.

The Chairman recalled that it had not been possible to reach agreement on a Chairperson for the Market Access Committee at the time of the last meeting of the Council for Trade in Goods on 16 March 1998 when he had presented a slate of names for each of the other subsidiary bodies of the Council. In the meantime, in a constructive spirit to reach a compromise, Norway had agreed to present Mr. Ole Lundby as a possible candidate. His subsequent consultations with a large number of delegations had indicated a consensus to propose Mr. Lundby for nomination as Chairman of the Market Access Committee. However, he had been informed very recently that the candidacy of Mr. Lundby was still awaiting final confirmation from the Norwegian authorities in capital due to the fact that Mr. Lundby was originally scheduled to take up a new assignment in the course of this year. Due to special circumstances, it would still take another few days before Mr. Lundby's availability could be confirmed.

In order to avoid calling another meeting of the Council for Trade in Goods, he had decided to go ahead with this meeting and, on the basis of the consultations he had held, he proposed at this stage that the Council take note of the consensus on the nomination of Mr. Ole Lundby of Norway as Chairman of the Market Access Committee, pending confirmation from Oslo of his availability. If any need were to arise to come back to this matter, he would take it up at the next meeting of the Council in April.

The Council so agreed.
