

# WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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## COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

### Report by the Chairman

The present report by the Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture, Ambassador Danai Tulalamba, is submitted on his own responsibility as agreed by the Committee.

The Committee on Agriculture held four regular meetings in 1995: 27-28 March, 8 June, 28-29 September and 20-21 November (Secretariat summary reports of these meetings, G/AG/R/1 to 4, refer).

The Committee adopted Working Procedures for the conduct of its work (G/AG/1). It also adopted notification requirements and formats under Article 18:2 and other relevant provisions of the Agreement on Agriculture (G/AG/2 and Add.1).

In accordance with Article 18:1 of the Agreement on Agriculture, the Committee, at each of its meetings, reviewed progress in the implementation of commitments negotiated under the Uruguay Round reform programme. This review process was undertaken on the basis of notifications submitted by Members in the areas of market access, domestic support, export subsidies and under the provisions of the Agreement relating to export prohibitions and restrictions. The Committee also addressed a range of general and specific matters relevant to the implementation of commitments that were raised under the provisions of Article 18:6 of the Agreement. A number of the matters thus raised have been or continue to be the subject of informal consultations.

The Committee adopted two decisions concerning the Marrakesh Ministerial Decision on the Possible Negative Effects of the Reform Programme on the Least Developed and Net Food-Importing Developing Countries ("the Decision"): one relating to the establishment by the Committee of a list of WTO Net Food-Importing Developing Countries (G/AG/3); and the other involving the adoption of a preparatory work programme in connection with paragraph 3 (i) and (ii) of the Decision (G/AG/4). The Committee monitored the follow-up to the Decision in accordance with Article 16:2 of the Agreement at its November meeting.

The following international intergovernmental organizations are represented, or have been invited to be represented, as observers on an ad hoc basis at meetings of the Committee: the UN Food and Agriculture Organization, the UN World Food Programme, the International Grains Council and the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development. In addition, representatives of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank attended the November Meeting of the Committee for the purpose of contributing to the monitoring exercise under Article 16:2 of the Agreement.

The Committee adopted the following schedule for the Committee's regular meetings in 1996: 28-29 March, 24-25 September, 28-29 October and 28-29 November.