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ANALYSIS OF MARKET ACCESS ISSUES FACING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES: IMPACT OF ANTI-DUMPING AND COUNTERVAILING ACTIONS

Chairman's summary

Under item 6, with respect to Recommendations to UNCTAD, there were certain areas where consensus could not be reached on agreed recommendations. Taking into account the debate and also various proposals which had been submitted, with the objective of reaching agreement, the Chairman proposed a text under his responsibility. The following text, which incorporated minor amendments, received a large degree of support from the delegations. However, some delegations could not adhere to a consensus on certain paragraphs.

Recommendations to UNCTAD

- 1. UNCTAD, within its mandate, as defined in paragraphs 132 and 106 of the Plan of Action should conduct the following comparative analyses on the technical difficulties as identified by developing countries regarding anti-dumping and countervailing measures, such as:
- (a) Empirical studies of the practical trade impact of various thresholds;
- (b) A study on the impact of dumping and anti-dumping measures, with particular focus on the special situation of developing countries;
- (c) An examination of the technical feasibility of provisions for enhancing the special and differential treatment in the application of anti-dumping and countervailing measures.
- 2. Upon completion of these analyses, UNCTAD should design and implement, upon request and within available resources, a technical assistance programme with a view to supporting developing countries to develop an improved understanding of anti-dumping and countervailing duty rules and procedures and capacity to administer anti-dumping and countervailing remedies and participate in anti-dumping and countervailing duty proceedings more effectively.