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#### Statement by H.E. Mr. Rubens Ricupero Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Brazil

Thank you, Mr. Chairman, for having given me the floor to make a statement on behalf of the delegations of the sixteen contracting parties which are also members of the Latin American Economic System (SELA), namely, Argentina, Barbados, Brazil, Colombia, Cuba, Chile, Dominican Republic, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Peru, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago and Uruguay.

During yesterday's general debate, a number of references were made to a document issued at a SELA meeting. Therefore, in the interests of greater transparency in our work, we thought it desirable to state that on Friday, 4 November, there was indeed a meeting in Geneva of SELA, which comprises twenty-six Latin American and Caribbean countries. The meeting was devoted to an analysis of developments in the Uruguay Round negotiations and to co-ordinating a joint position for Latin America and the Caribbean in the negotiations. The meeting resulted in the adoption of a Declaration, copies of which will be made available to participants here informally in the course of this meeting.