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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON TECHNICAL BARRIERS TO TRADE

Communication from the Chairman

The following communication has been received from the Chairman of the TBT Committee with the request that it be circulated to WTO Members for transparency reasons.

Following a communication received by the Chairman of the Committee from the delegation of Egypt on 1 March (see attached), the Chairman would like to clarify that the workshop to be held by the Committee in the year 2000 will be on technical assistance and special and differential treatment with a primary focus on technical assistance.

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**COMMUNICATION FROM THE DELEGATION OF EGYPT TO THE
CHAIRMAN ON 1 MARCH 2000**

In reference to the informal and formal meetings held within the framework of the TBT Committee on 23-25 February 2000 and what has been discussed concerning holding a workshop for technical assistance and special and differential treatment within the agreement.

Our understanding is that although all the discussions during the meeting concentrated upon the technical assistance issue, this won't alter the topic of the workshop as regards dealing with the special and differential treatment issue as well. We hope that we find this topic on the draft programme of the workshop.
