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MARKET ACCESS ISSUES RELATED TO PRODUCTS OF EXPORT INTEREST ORIGINATING FROM LEAST-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES

Note by the Secretariat¹

Corrigendum

Paragraph 31 on page 18 should be replaced with the following paragraph:

"Table 8 presents data for the latest available year on the status of duty-free imports into developing country markets. Overall, 72.2 per cent of LDC exports enter developing country markets duty free.² The data also show that, based on 2003 data, 93.3 per cent of China's imports from LDCs enter duty free. If oil imports are deducted, the duty-free figure becomes 48.4 per cent. In September 2005, China announced new market access measures in favour of LDCs, granting duty-free treatment to certain products of their interest. The estimated impact of these measures is to increase the total duty-free figure from 93.3 per cent to 95.2 per cent and the non-oil figure rises from 48.4 per cent to 62.3 per cent."

¹ This document has been prepared under the Secretariat's own responsibility and without prejudice to the positions of Members and to their rights and obligations under the WTO.

² Note that this figure is calculated across different years. It is not calculated for a single year.