

COMMUNICATION FROM UGANDA AND THE UNITED STATES

The following communication, dated 10 May 2006, is being circulated at the request of the Delegations of Uganda and the United States.

CONSULARIZATION

1. In a joint communication (TN/TF/W/22; 21 March, 2005), Uganda and the United States submitted a proposal on the "prohibition of requiring consular transactions, including consularization-related fees and charges in connection with the importation of goods". A joint submission regarding this proposal was also made regarding the elements of the commitments under this proposal (TN/TF/W/86; 4 April, 2006).

2. The following draft text is submitted by Uganda and the United States for consideration by the Negotiating Group, without prejudice to further discussions and submissions regarding this or any other proposal.

Textual Proposal:

A Member shall not require a consular transaction, including any related fee or charge, in connection with the importation of any good.

(Definition)

consular transaction means the procedure of obtaining from a consul of the importing Member in the territory of the exporting Member, or in the territory of a third party, a consular invoice or a consular visa for a commercial invoice, certificate of origin, manifest, shippers' export declaration, or any other customs documentation in connection with the importation of the good.
