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sectoral initiative on cotton constantly to bear in mind the fact that textiles and clothing made from artificial fibres are artificial products and are very different from textiles and clothing made from cotton, which is a natural product.

Consequently, these two products, namely artificial fibres and cotton, must be dealt with separately and any association of the two runs the risk of creating divergency and even a lack of solidarity.

Cotton is so soft and I do not understand why dealing with the question is so hard!

regards the following:

essential medicines _____

The delegation of the Central African Republic welcomes the decision to authorize access to essential medicines for countries that lack manufacturing facilities. It hopes that this decision will be implemented in practice and benefit poor countries.

Special and differential treatment _____

The delegation of the Central African Republic also has concerns regarding the review of the provisions on special and differential treatment with a view to strengthening them and making them more advantageous for the least developed countries, which are facing great difficulties in formulating trade policies, effectively participating in negotiations, and implementing the multilateral trade agreements.

At Cancún, but above all, after Cancún 2003, I ask you not to turn away from such essential issues as the sectoral initiative on cotton, effective access to essential medicines for populations in need, and referred to in the decision of the WTO. I thank you for your kind attention.

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