

Palacio de La Moneda  
a 04 de diciembre de 1990.

SR. PRIMER MINISTRO:

En relación a su carta de 22 de noviembre, en la que expresa su profunda preocupación por los resultados futuros de la Ronda de Uruguay y, en particular, por el impasse en que se encuentra la negociación en los productos agrícolas.

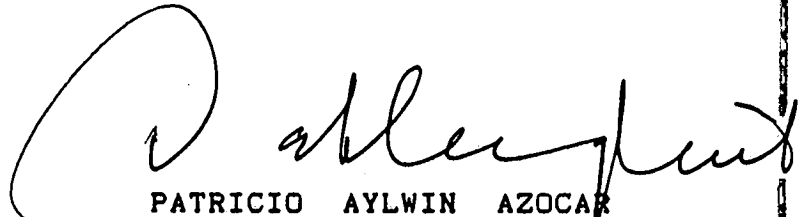
Debo manifestar que comparto con Ud. tal preocupación y estoy agradecido de los esfuerzos y presión que ha ejercido en el sentido de asegurar un cierto "movimiento" en la dirección correcta, que pudiera asegurar en esta etapa el futuro de la Ronda, como es el caso de su reciente llamada al Presidente Bush.

Yo, por mi parte, he instruido a la Delegación chilena a participar activamente en las diferentes acciones definidas por el Grupo Cairns. Le aseguro que Chile continuará presionando durante las próximas negociaciones en Bruselas, ya que estamos convencidos que un sistema de comercio multilateral fuerte es la única solución a los problemas existentes en el comercio internacional.

El Presidente Bush visitará oficialmente nuestro país en los próximos días, oportunidad en la cual expresaré nuestra preocupación relativa a la Ronda.



Finalmente, deseo agradecer su carta y sus exitosos contactos iniciados a través del Grupo Cairns que, confío, serán el primer paso en materias de cooperación mutua, ya sea en la Cuenca del Pacífico y en otras materias de interés para ambos países.

  
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PRESIDENTE DE LA REPUBLICA DE CHILE

AL EXCMO. SENOR  
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PRIMER MINISTRO DE AUSTRALIA  
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AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY  
SANTIAGO

22 November 1990

H.E. Mr Patricio Aylwin,  
President of the Republic of Chile,  
Santiago de Chile.

My Dear President,

I am writing to you, and to our other colleagues in the Cairns Group, to express my deep concern over the future of the Uruguay Round, to let you know personally of the recent action I have taken in support of the important interests which our countries share, and to emphasise my belief that we must act effectively at this critical juncture in the Round.

As you will be aware, the negotiations on agriculture reached an impasse due to the completely inadequate EC offer and their unwillingness to negotiate. As a result, the successful conclusion of the whole Round has been placed in jeopardy. It is no exaggeration to say that the Round is now in crisis.

Moreover, I believe that the issues involved at this point are not technical ones but ones which will only be resolved by the exercise of political will and leadership. Therefore, I think that it is imperative that Heads of Government exercise their personal influence to generate renewed momentum in the negotiations. For my part, there is no higher priority issue.

Against that background, I telephoned President Bush last week and we talked at length. He shares our concerns about the impasse in the negotiations on agriculture. The President had already been in contact with EC representatives and has had further discussions with his European counterparts this week.

I have also put my views, in very clear terms, to all European Community Heads of Government and to the President of the EC Commission, Mr Delors. I have appealed to European leaders to inject the political will that is necessary to ensure the Round's success, pointing out that failure to do so will impose high costs on all countries.

I believe that it will be crucial to maintain the pressure on the Europeans in the coming weeks. Whatever help you can provide in this area would be very useful at this time.

Notwithstanding the current problems in the Round, I remain hopeful of an eventual successful conclusion to the Round. Our two countries, in concert with other members of the Cairns Group, have achieved much as the new third force in the Uruguay Round.

We must now ensure that our hard won recognition is retained by the continued collective presentation of the Group's position during the vitally important, but testing, times ahead.

I know that my Trade Negotiations Minister, Dr Blewett, is keeping in close contact with your government. At our level I want you to know that I will always value your views and be happy to work with you in pursuit of our shared interests. Your involvement and your influence can, I believe, play a very important part in establishing the political climate needed to move the Europeans and to open the way for the successful conclusion of the Round.

Yours sincerely,

Bob Hawke