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DOMESTIC PREPARATION AND COORDINATION

1- Formulating Consensus on National Objectives

a) Engagement of all concerned parties in the accession process to build maximum support and avoid internal problems at later stage.

b) Launching of active public awareness campaigns through the media and otherwise about the WTO, its agreements, accession and implications or membership.

c) Effective cooperation among the executive and legislative branches of Government.

d) Effective public-private sector partnerships for a smooth accession process.

e) Mobilization of necessary resources, both financial and in kind, to fund the accession process.

f) Realistic Cost Analysis before starting of accession process.

g) Consolidate positioning of acceding countries before starting of negotiation.

h) Rigorous exercise by countries to make fundamental changes in legal and institutional framework to implement major structural economic reforms.

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2- Managing Domestic Pressures, diverse stakeholders interests, multiple ministries and agencies

a) Establishment of proper institutional framework of acceding countries for accession process, ideally one body or committee.

b) Information centers on WTO and specialized areas such as standardization, sanitary and phyto-sanitary services, and intellectual property rights should be established.

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3- Balancing the degree of liberalization before accession with the leverage needed for negotiations.

a) Countries willingness to participate in the world trading system by making legislative changes, e.g in areas like intellectual property rights and tariff reduction before starting the accession process.

b) Transparency and predictability should be the guiding principles for legal reform.

c) Not to implement too many liberalization measures before the accession process.

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