

Questions in English

- Please tell us when and how you met Ambassador Paul Tran for the first time and what was your position at that time? And what is your position now? When did you work on the Uruguay Round and were you then based in Geneva?
- Can you share with us your general souvenirs of this GATT period when the negotiations for the WTO were starting in 1982-1986 and the work until 1993?
- Can you tell us about the role and attitude of Ambassador Tran at the time and with all those players?
- I am sure that you remember Green Room meetings? Do you have good memories? Or bad memories? Are there any anecdotes that you want to share with Ambassador Tran and those who will see this film? Please talk to us about those Green Room meetings generally.
- In the Green Room, is it true that Ambassadors had specific seating? Who conducted the meetings? Always the Director General? Is it true that often meetings used to last for long hours into the night? Who and what set the agendas of those Green Rooms? How were the topics for discussions selected? Were Contracting parties consulted? Do you remember other sort of meetings where you had to work with Paul Tran?
- Ambassadors at the time seemed to have managed to set up multiple forums for discussions and have left images of intense professional and human relationships. Can you talk to us about the work relationship you had with Ambassador Tran and other representatives?
- There were also several other meeting groups and meeting occasions, generally including social gatherings – what memories do you keep of them ?
- What can you tell us about the formal and informal meetings of the GATT Council? What memories do you keep of those meetings? Do you recollect any special anecdotes with Paul Tran or about the General Council?
- At that time, were there already country groups or coalitions?
- Were there any North-South tensions among ambassadors? Or was it different, where for trade in agriculture, the tensions were running along export and import interests? For instance, was agriculture handled as a development issue?
- Did you work with Ambassador Tran on the agriculture file, how was Paul Tran defending what could be considered the protectionist position of the European Communities on agriculture?
- Did the [country] see eye to eye with Ambassador Tran and the European Communities on Intellectual property issues? On services issues? On institutional matter ? Or development issues?
- Do you think that at the time the negotiators realized the importance of their negotiations? Did you realize that your work was going to change the world of international economic relations?

- Did you and did the other negotiators realize that you were actually creating a full international organization and setting up a new powerful dispute settlement system with a formal Appellate Body?

- Are there any other anecdotes, funny or peculiar stories that you want to share with us about Paul Tran or that period in your life?

- In your view what is the biggest difference between that time when you were negotiating the Uruguay Round and now?