

GATT/AIR/1001

1 MAY 1973

SUBJECT: PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE TRADE NEGOTIATIONS

1. THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE TRADE NEGOTIATIONS WILL CONVENE FOR ITS SECOND MEETING ON 16 MAY AND WILL CONTINUE THROUGH 18 MAY. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE GOVERNING BODY ROOM AT THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR OFFICE AND WILL START AT 10 A.M. ON 16 MAY.

2. THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WILL BE:

- (a) TO REVIEW THE PRESENT SITUATION AS REGARDS THE PREPARATORY WORK FOR THE NEGOTIATIONS;
- (b) TO DECIDE WHAT SUBJECTS SHOULD BE TREATED IN THE REPORT WHICH THE COMMITTEE WILL MAKE TO THE MEETING OF MINISTERS SCHEDULED FOR MID-SEPTEMBER;
- (c) TO HAVE A PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION OF THE SUBSTANCE OF ANY OF THOSE SUBJECTS FOR WHICH DELEGATIONS ARE PREPARED TO INITIATE CONSIDERATION AT THIS TIME;
- (d) TO DETERMINE THE NATURE AND FORM OF THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT;
- (e) TO DETERMINE THE PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED DURING THE MEETING SCHEDULED FOR 2 THROUGH 25 JULY;
- (f) TO EXAMINE ALL OTHER QUESTIONS RELATIVE TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE.

3. AS AGREED AT THE TWENTY-EIGHTH SESSION, MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE IS OPEN TO ALL CONTRACTING PARTIES AND TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES NOT CONTRACTING PARTIES WHO WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PREPARATORY WORK FOR THE NEGOTIATIONS.

4. CONTRACTING PARTIES, ASSOCIATED GOVERNMENTS, AND NON-GATT DEVELOPING COUNTRIES HAVING NOTIFIED THEIR WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PREPARATORY WORK FOR THE TRADE NEGOTIATIONS ARE REQUESTED TO ADVISE ME AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE OF THE NAMES OF THEIR REPRESENTATIVES.

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