

3 APRIL 1974

SUBJECT: GROUP 3(B) - PACKAGING AND LABELLING

1. AS AGREED AT ITS MEETING IN MARCH 1974, GROUP 3(B) WILL MEET AT TECHNICAL LEVEL ON 7 AND 8 MAY 1974 TO BEGIN THE WORK RELATING TO PACKAGING AND LABELLING (TASK 12 OF PROGRAMME OF WORK - MTN/2). THE MEETING WILL START AT 10 A.M. ON 7 MAY AND WILL BE HELD IN THE PALAIS DES NATIONS, GENEVA.
2. AT ITS MEETING IN MARCH THE GROUP AGREED "THAT, AS A FIRST STEP, A DISCUSSION SHOULD BE HELD TO CLARIFY THE PROBLEM WHICH PACKAGING AND LABELLING REQUIREMENTS CREATE FOR INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND TO EXAMINE WHAT OTHER ORGANIZATIONS WERE DOING IN THIS AREA. THE GROUP AGREED THAT THE NEXT STEP WOULD BE TO CONSIDER THE EXTENT TO WHICH THESE PROBLEMS WERE COVERED BY THE PROPOSED GATT INSTRUMENT FOR PREVENTING TECHNICAL BARRIERS TO TRADE (COM.IND/W/108 AND CORR.1) OR WHETHER A SEPARATE INSTRUMENT SHOULD BE DRAWN UP TO DEAL WITH THESE PROBLEMS." (MTN/3B/7, PARAGRAPH 18)
3. A DOCUMENTARY NOTE BY THE SECRETARIAT ON THIS SUBJECT HAS BEEN DISTRIBUTED AS COM.IND/W/114.
4. THE MEETING IS OPEN TO THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE INDICATED THEIR DECISION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS AND HAVE THUS ASSUMED MEMBERSHIP OF THE TRADE NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE. SUCH MEMBERS ARE ACCORDINGLY INVITED TO INFORM ME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE OF THE NAMES OF THEIR REPRESENTATIVES WHO WILL ATTEND THE MEETING OF THE GROUP.
5. REPRESENTATIVES NOT HAVING YET REGISTERED FOR THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS ARE REQUESTED TO REGISTER WITH THE CONFERENCE OFFICER, VILLA LE BOGAGE, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, TO OBTAIN THE NECESSARY ENTRANCE CARDS.

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