

5 APRIL 1974

SUBJECT: GROUP 3(a)

1. AS AGREED AT ITS MEETING IN MARCH 1974, GROUP 3(a) WILL RECONVENE ON 14 MAY 1974. THE MEETING WILL START AT 10 A.M. AND WILL BE HELD IN THE PALAIS DES NATIONS, GENEVA.
2. AT ITS MEETING IN MARCH THE GROUP AGREED TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING ITEMS (PARAGRAPH 19 OF MTN/3A/2):
 - A. DETERMINATION OF THE CUSTOMS TARIFFS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR NEGOTIATIONS: BASE DATE, BASE RATES (BOUND OR EFFECTIVELY APPLIED) ETC. (CHAPTERS 1-99 BTN) - ITEM 5 OF THE PROGRAMME OF WORK (MTN/2). A WORKING PAPER (MTN/3A/W/1) ON THE NEED FOR MORE COMPLETE AND PRECISE TARIFF INFORMATION WAS PRESENTED BY ONE DELEGATION AT THE LAST MEETING OF THE GROUP.
 - B. DETERMINATION OF THE BASE YEAR OR YEARS FOR THE COLLECTION OF STATISTICS TO BE USED IN THE NEGOTIATION (CHAPTERS 1-99 BTN) - ITEM 6 OF THE PROGRAMME OF WORK (MTN/2).
 - C. THE PROBLEM OF QUANTITATIVE IMPORT DATA TO BE INCLUDED IN THE BASIC FILES OF THE TARIFF STUDY.
 - D. DETERMINATION OF THE UNIT OF ACCOUNT TO BE USED IN THE NEGOTIATION (CHAPTERS 1-99 BTN) - ITEM 7 OF THE PROGRAMME OF WORK (MTN/2). THE GROUP AGREED AT ITS LAST MEETING THAT A WORKING DOCUMENT ON THIS QUESTION WOULD BE SUBMITTED BY THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY. A TECHNICAL NOTE BY THE SECRETARIAT ON THE STATISTICAL PRACTICES OF VARIOUS STATISTICAL SERVICES WITH RESPECT TO THE PRESENTATION OF TRADE DATA IN THE RECENT PERIOD OF UNSTABLE EXCHANGE RATES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED SHORTLY.
 - E. FURTHER EXTENSION OF THE COUNTRY COVERAGE OF THE TARIFF STUDY.
 - F. ESTABLISHMENT OF A SEPARATE COLUMN FOR TRADE UNDER REGIONAL ARRANGEMENTS IN RELATION TO THE TABULATIONS DESCRIBED IN COM.IND/W/111.
3. 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.
4. 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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