

29 APRIL 1974

SUBJECT: GROUP 3(b) - EXPORT SUBSIDIES AND COUNTERVAILING DUTIES

1. AS AGREED AT ITS MEETING IN MARCH 1974, GROUP 3(b) WILL MEET AT TECHNICAL LEVEL ON 29-31 MAY 1974 TO CONTINUE:

- (a) THE WORK ALREADY BEGUN ON EXPORT SUBSIDIES IN RESPECT OF PRODUCTS OTHER THAN PRIMARY COMMODITIES (TASK 9 OF THE PROGRAMME OF WORK - MTN/2); AND
- (b) THE STUDY OF A POSSIBLE CODE REGARDING COUNTERVAILING DUTIES (TASK 10 OF THE PROGRAMME OF WORK - MTN/2).

THE MEETING WILL START AT 10 A.M. ON 29 MAY AND WILL BE HELD IN THE PALAIS DES NATIONS.

2. BACKGROUND NOTES BY THE SECRETARIAT ON EXPORT SUBSIDIES, AND ON COUNTERVAILING DUTIES AND DOMESTIC SUBSIDIES THAT STIMULATE EXPORTS WERE CIRCULATED AS DOCUMENTS COM.IND/W/73 AND COM.IND/W/98, RESPECTIVELY. THE RESULT OF THE DISCUSSION THAT TOOK PLACE IN WORKING GROUP 1 OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE IN INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS ON THESE SUBJECTS IS CONTAINED IN DOCUMENT Spec(73)44. A WORKING DOCUMENT ON THE QUESTION OF COUNTERVAILING DUTIES, PREPARED BY THE CANADIAN DELEGATION, IS EXPECTED TO BE DISTRIBUTED BEFORE THE MEETING.

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 BOUQUET, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, TO OBTAIN THE NECESSARY ENTRANCE CARDS.

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