

GATT/AIR/1153

17 MARCH 1975

SUBJECT: GROUP "SAFEGUARDS"

1. AS AGREED BY THE TRADE NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE ON 13 FEBRUARY 1975, AN INITIAL MEETING OF THE GROUP "SAFEGUARDS" WILL BE CONVENED DURING THE WEEK BEGINNING 7 APRIL 1975. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AS SOON AS THE MEETING OF THE GROUP "SECTOR APPROACH" HAS BEEN TERMINATED. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE PALAIS DES NATIONS.
2. THE TASK OF THE GROUP IS TO CARRY OUT AN EXAMINATION OF THE ADEQUACY OF THE MULTILATERAL SAFEGUARD SYSTEM CONSIDERING PARTICULARLY THE MODALITIES OF APPLICATION OF ARTICLE XIX, WITH A VIEW TO FURTHERING TRADE LIBERALIZATION AND PRESERVING ITS RESULTS (MPN/W/10, PARAGRAPH 5).
3. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT, INTER ALIA, THE GROUP CONSIDER ITS TASKS AT THIS MEETING TO INCLUDE:
 - (A) ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN;
 - (B) DELINEATION OF SPECIFIC ISSUES ON WHICH THE EXAMINATION SHOULD FOCUS;
 - (C) ESTABLISHMENT OF A CALENDAR OF MEETINGS.
4. DELEGATIONS WHO HAVE NOT YET SUPPLIED INFORMATION AS REQUESTED IN GATT/AIR/1128 ARE REQUESTED TO DO SO SHORTLY. TO FACILITATE THE DISCUSSION SUGGESTED IN PARAGRAPH 3(B) ABOVE, A DOCUMENT CONTAINING THE REPLIES BY THEM RECEIVED WILL BE CIRCULATED BEFORE THE MEETING.
5. 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.
6. REPRESENTATIVES NOT HAVING YET REGISTERED FOR THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS ARE REQUESTED TO REGISTER WITH THE CONFERENCE OFFICER, VILLA LE BOCAGE, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, TO OBTAIN THE NECESSARY ENTRANCE CARDS.

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