

GATT/AIR/1154

17 MARCH 1975

SUBJECT: GROUP "SECTOR APPROACH"

1. AS AGREED BY THE TRADE NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE ON 13 FEBRUARY 1975, AN INITIAL MEETING OF THE GROUP "SECTOR APPROACH" WILL BE CONVENED AT 3 P.M. ON 7 APRIL 1975. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE PALAIS DES NATIONS.
2. THE TASK OF THE GROUP IS TO CARRY OUT AN EXAMINATION OF THE POSSIBILITIES FOR THE CO-ORDINATED REDUCTION OR ELIMINATION OF ALL BARRIERS TO TRADE IN SELECTED SECTORS, AS A COMPLEMENTARY TECHNIQUE (MTN/W/10, PARAGRAPH 6).
3. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT, INTER ALIA, THE GROUP CONSIDER ITS TASKS AT THIS MEETING TO INCLUDE (a) ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF THE GROUP;
(b) ESTABLISHMENT OF A CALENDAR OF MEETINGS.
4. IT IS FURTHER SUGGESTED THAT DELEGATIONS INDICATE MORE PRECISELY THAN THEY HAVE DONE SO FAR THEIR POSITIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE SECTOR APPROACH SO THAT THE ISSUES CONCERNING THIS APPROACH AND HOW IT MIGHT BE APPLIED HAVING REGARD TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE TOKYO DECLARATION MIGHT BE IDENTIFIED MORE CLEARLY.
5. IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT IN GROUP 3(c) AND IN EARLIER DISCUSSIONS ON THE SUBJECT, THE BASIC PROPOSAL OF THE SECTOR APPROACH AS PUT FORWARD BY DELEGATIONS HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS ENCOMPASSING ALL BARRIERS TO TRADE, TARIFFS AND NON-TARIFF MEASURES WITHIN PARTICULAR PRODUCT GROUPS, WHICH WOULD COMPLEMENT OTHER NEGOTIATING TECHNIQUES AND WHICH WOULD BE USED TO LIBERALIZE TRADE TO THE GREATEST EXTENT POSSIBLE IN PRECISELY AND CLOSELY RELATED GROUPS OF PRODUCTS WHICH ARE SIGNIFICANT IN TRADE TERMS.
6. 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 THEIR REPRESENTATIVES WHO WILL ATTEND THE MEETING OF THE GROUP.
7. 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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