

24 APRIL 1975

SUBJECT: NON-TARIFF MEASURES SUB-GROUP: "CUSTOMS MATTERS"

1. AS AGREED BY GROUP "NON-TARIFF MEASURES", THE SUB-GROUP "CUSTOMS MATTERS" WILL MEET ON 20 MAY 1975 AT 3 P.M. THE MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE PALAIS DES EXPOSITIONS, QUAI ERNEST ANSERMET, FORMER QUAI ECOLE DE MEDECINE AT GENEVA.

2. IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT GROUP "NON-TARIFF MEASURES" AGREED THAT THE SUB-GROUP WILL CARRY OUT NEGOTIATIONS ON THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:

- (a) CUSTOMS VALUATION
- (b) IMPORT DOCUMENTATION - INCLUDING CONSULAR-FORMALITIES
- (c) CUSTOMS NOMENCLATURE, AND
- (d) CUSTOMS PROCEDURES,

AND THAT WITHIN THIS GROUPING, WORK WOULD COMMENCE FIRST ON ITEM (a).

3. A BACKGROUND NOTE BY THE SECRETARIAT, PREPARED ON INSTRUCTIONS OF GROUP "NON-TARIFF MEASURES" WILL BE CIRCULATED SHORTLY (MTN/NTM/W/7). IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THE SUB-GROUP BEGIN ITS SUBSTANTIVE WORK BY ADDRESSING ITSELF TO SOME OF THE ISSUES SET OUT IN CHAPTER 1 (CUSTOMS VALUATION) OF THIS NOTE, IT BEING OPEN TO DELEGATIONS TO TAKE UP SUCH OTHER ISSUES UNDER THIS HEADING AS APPEAR TO THEM RELEVANT.

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 SUB-GROUP.

5. 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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