

GATT/AIR/1190

18 JUNE 1975

SUBJECT: GROUP "SECTOR APPROACH"

1. AS AGREED, THE GROUP WILL MEET IN THE WEEK COMMENCING 30 JUNE 1975 IN ALTERNATION WITH THE GROUP "SAFEGUARDS". THE MEETING OF THE GROUP "SECTOR APPROACH" WILL BEGIN ON 1 JULY 1975 AT 10 A.M. AND WILL BE HELD IN THE GOVERNING BODY ROOM OF THE NEW INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION BUILDING.
2. IT MAY BE RECALLED THAT THE GROUP WAS ESTABLISHED BY THE TRADE NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE 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. AT ITS INITIAL MEETING, THE MAJORITY OF THE GROUP AGREED THAT THE CONSIDERATION OF THE POSSIBILITIES OFFERED BY THE SECTOR APPROACH COULD BE ADVANCED THROUGH THE COLLECTION OF INFORMATION ON A SECTOR AND IT WAS DECIDED THAT THE SECRETARIAT SHOULD ASSEMBLE DATA ON TRADE, TARIFFS AND NON-TARIFF MEASURES AND OTHER RELEVANT STATISTICS RELATING TO PRODUCTS IN THE ORES AND METALS SECTOR (MTN/SEC/1, PARA. 10). THE MATERIAL ISSUED BY THE SECRETARIAT IS TO BE FOUND IN MTN/SEC/W/1 AND ADDENDA. THE CHAIRMAN'S SUMMING-UP OF THE INITIAL MEETING OF THE GROUP (MTN/SEC/1, PARAGRAPH 11), ALSO PROVIDES FOR THE COLLECTION OF FURTHER INFORMATION ON SECTORS WHICH MAY BE OF INTEREST TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. THESE DATA ARE BEING CIRCULATED AS MTN/SEC/W/2.
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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