

SUBJECT: GROUP "TROPICAL PRODUCTS"

1. THE NEXT MEETING OF THE GROUP "TROPICAL PRODUCTS" ~~WILL~~ BE HELD DURING THE PERIOD 20-24 OCTOBER COMMENCING AT 3 P.M. ON 20 OCTOBER IN THE PALAIS DES NATIONS.
2. AS AGREED IN PARAGRAPH 4(iv) OF MTN/TP/3, THE GROUP IS EXPECTED TO:
  - (a) REVIEW THE PROGRESS MADE IN THE CONSULTATIONS AND TAKE SUCH FURTHER STEPS AS MAY BE NECESSARY IN THIS RESPECT;
  - (b) EXAMINE ARRANGEMENTS AND PROCEED TO ESTABLISH A TIME-TABLE FOR THE PRESENTATION AND POSSIBLE CIRCULATION OF INITIAL OFFERS, HAVING REGARD TO THE DESIRABILITY OF ACHIEVING CONCRETE RESULTS AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 3 OF THE GUIDELINES FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF NEGOTIATIONS ON TROPICAL PRODUCTS (MTN/TP/1);
  - (c) CONSIDER QUESTIONS RELEVANT TO THE NEGOTIATIONS ON TROPICAL PRODUCTS WHICH MAY REQUIRE MULTILATERAL ACTION TAKING INTO ACCOUNT, INTER ALIA, SECTION 1(~~ix~~) OF THE GUIDELINES AND PROGRESS IN THE CONSULTATIONS; AND
  - (d) CONSIDER QUESTIONS COVERED BY SECTIONS 1(v) AND 2(iii) OF THE GUIDELINES.
3. AS BACKGROUND FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF POINT (a), A NOTE ON THE STATUS OF CONSULTATIONS IS BEING CIRCULATED TO PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES FOR INFORMATION. WITH REGARD TO POINT (b) ABOVE, IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT BACKGROUND INFORMATION IN CONNEXION WITH THE CONSIDERATION OF THE MODALITIES FOR THE POSSIBLE CIRCULATION OF INITIAL OFFERS HAS BEEN MADE AVAILABLE IN DOCUMENT MTN/TP/w/6. DELEGATIONS MAY ALSO HAVE SOME COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS TO MAKE IN CONNEXION WITH POINTS (c) AND (d) IN THE LIGHT OF PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS ON THESE SUBJECTS TAKING INTO ACCOUNT RECENT DEVELOPMENTS RELEVANT TO THESE MATTERS.
4. THE MEETING IS OPEN TO THOSE COUNTRIES HAVING AN INTEREST IN TRADE IN TROPICAL PRODUCTS 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.

5. 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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