

SUBJECT: GROUP "TARIFFS"

1. THE GROUP "TARIFFS" AGREED AT ITS LAST MEETING TO RECONVENE DURING THE WEEK OF 13 OCTOBER 1975. IT IS PROPOSED THAT THE MEETING COMMENCE AT 10 A.M. ON 14 OCTOBER IN THE PALAIS DES NATIONS.
2. IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT THE GROUP AGREED THAT DOCUMENT MTN/TAR/W/4/REV.1 (CHECKLIST OF POSSIBLE ELEMENTS OF A TARIFF NEGOTIATING PLAN) WOULD CONSTITUTE A PART OF THE AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING OF THE GROUP (MTN/TAR/3, PARAGRAPH 4).
3. THE GROUP ALSO SPECIFICALLY AGREED AT THE FORTHCOMING MEETING:
 - (a) TO CONTINUE THE DISCUSSION ON PROPOSALS AND HYPOTHESES FOR TARIFF-CUTTING FORMULAE (MTN/TAR/3, PARAGRAPH 3);
 - (b) TO REVERT TO THE QUESTION OF BASE RATES/BASE DATES AS FAR AS UNBOUND RATES ARE CONCERNED (MTN/TAR/3, PARAGRAPH 5);
 - (c) TO GIVE FURTHER CONSIDERATION TO PROPOSALS WHICH HAD BEEN MADE AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS (MTN/TAR/2, PARAGRAPH 7) OF HOW ACCOUNT MIGHT BE TAKEN OF THE IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING AND IMPROVING THE GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES AND HOW SPECIAL AND MORE FAVOURABLE TREATMENT MAY BE PROVIDED TO EXPORTS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (MTN/TAR/3, PARAGRAPH 6).
4. AS REQUESTED BY THE GROUP, A LIST OF THE MOST RECENT TARIFFS AVAILABLE IN THE SECRETARIAT HAS BEEN CIRCULATED IN DOCUMENT MTN/TAR/W/5.
5. THE SECRETARIAT SHORTLY WILL SUPPLY A PROGRESS REPORT ON THE PREPARATION OF A SYSTEM FOR RAPID EVALUATION OF THE IMPLICATIONS OF DIFFERENT TARIFF-CUTTING FORMULAE ON THE EXPORTS FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (MTN/TAR/3, PARAGRAPH 7).
6. THE EXPLANATORY NOTES SUBMITTED SO FAR IN CONNEXION WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TARIFF RATE INFORMATION FILE WILL BE CIRCULATED SHORTLY (MTN/TAR/3, PARAGRAPH 9).
7. 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.

8. 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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