

7 JANUARY 1976

SUBJECT: GROUP "TARIFFS"

1. IN ORDER TO PROVIDE DELEGATIONS MORE TIME FOR THE PREPARATION OF DETAILED POSITIONS ON THE VARIOUS ELEMENTS OF THE TARIFF NEGOTIATING PLAN, THE CHAIRMAN, FOLLOWING CONSULTATIONS WITH DELEGATIONS, PROPOSES THE NEXT MEETING OF THE GROUP "TARIFFS" TO BEGIN AT 10.30 A.M., 23 MARCH 1976, INSTEAD OF THE WEEK OF 9 FEBRUARY 1976 AS PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE GOVERNING BODY ROOM OF THE NEW INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION BUILDING.

2. IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT AT ITS LAST MEETING THE GROUP AGREED AT THE FORTHCOMING MEETING TO REVERT TO THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- (a) THE MATTER OF THE TARIFF-CUTTING FORMULA OR FORMULAE (MTN/TAR/4, PARAGRAPH 2);
- (b) THE QUESTION OF SPECIAL PROCEDURES FOR NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (MTN/TAR/4, PARAGRAPHS 3, 4 AND 5);
- (c) THE QUESTION OF BASE RATES/BASE DATES (MTN/TAR/4, PARAGRAPH 7);
- (d) THE SUGGESTION THAT ASSESSMENT OF RECIPROCITY IN THE TARIFF NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT WHETHER DUTIES WERE APPLIED ON C.I.F. OR F.O.B. BASIS AND THAT APPROPRIATE ADJUSTMENT OF DEPTH OF CUTS SHOULD BE MADE (MTN/TAR/4, PARAGRAPH 8);
- (e) QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE LINK BETWEEN NEGOTIATIONS ON TARIFFS AND NEGOTIATIONS ON PARTICULAR NON-TARIFF MEASURES BEING DISCUSSED IN GROUP "NON-TARIFF MEASURES" (MTN/TAR/4, PARAGRAPH 11).

3. IT WAS ALSO AGREED THAT THE ITEMS ON THE "CHECKLIST OF POSSIBLE ELEMENTS OF A TARIFF NEGOTIATING PLAN" (MTN/TAR/W/4/Rev.1) WOULD REMAIN ON THE AGENDA.

4. A SECRETARIAT NOTE ON THE FEASIBILITY OF CALCULATING THE EFFECTIVE PROTECTION RATES APPLICABLE IN DEVELOPED COUNTRIES' MARKETS, TO PRODUCTS ON WHICH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES EITHER HAVE AT PRESENT OR SEEM LIKELY TO DEVELOP PROCESSING FACILITIES, WILL BE CIRCULATED PRIOR TO THE MEETING.

5. THE MEETING IS OPEN TO THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE INDICATED THEIR DECISION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS AND HAVE THUS ASSUMED MEMBERSHIP IN 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.

6. REPRESENTATIVES NOT YET HAVING REGISTERED FOR THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS ARE REQUESTED TO REGISTER WITH THE CONFERENCE OFFICER, IN THE VILLA LE BOGAGE, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, TO OBTAIN THE NECESSARY ENTRANCE CARDS.

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