

SUBJECT: NON-TARIFF MEASURES SUB-GROUP "QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS"

1. THE SUB-GROUP "QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS" WILL RECONVENE AT 3 P.M. ON MONDAY, 29 MARCH 1976. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE PALAIS DES NATIONS AND IS EXPECTED TO LAST ONE WEEK.
2. IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT THE SUB-GROUP AGREED TO REVERT AT THIS MEETING, INTER ALIA, TO THE FOLLOWING MATTERS:
 - (a) REPORTS BY THE COUNTRIES INVOLVED IN CONSULTATIONS OR DISCUSSIONS UNDER THE PROCEDURE AGREED BY THE SUB-GROUP AT ITS MEETING IN APRIL 1975 (MTN/NTM/2, PARAGRAPH 6(i) ~~(iii)~~). DELEGATIONS WHO HAVE NOT YET SENT TO THE SECRETARIAT SUMMARY NOTES WITH RESPECT TO THE CONSULTATIONS IN WHICH THEY HAVE PARTICIPATED AS EXPORTING OR IMPORTING COUNTRIES ARE REQUESTED TO DO SO WITHOUT DELAY (MTN/NTM/9, PARAGRAPH 9, AND GATT/AIR/1239). THE SECRETARIAT WILL CIRCULATE, PRIOR TO THE MEETING OF THE SUB-GROUP, THE SUMMARY NOTES RECEIVED.
 - (b) ANALYSIS OF THE EXISTING SITUATION BY THE SUB-GROUP ON THE BASIS OF THE RESULTS OF THE CONSULTATIONS OR DISCUSSIONS (MTN/NTM/2, PARAGRAPH 6(iii) AND MTN/NTM/9, PARAGRAPH 2).
 - (c) POSSIBILITY OF FORMULATING ADDITIONAL PROCEDURES FOR BILATERAL AND/OR PLURILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS AND POSSIBILITY OF WORKING OUT A GENERAL FORMULA OR FORMULAE OF AUTOMATIC APPLICATION (MTN/NTM/2, PARAGRAPH 6(iv) AND MTN/NTM/9, PARAGRAPH 2).
 - (d) DIFFERENTIAL TREATMENT IN FAVOUR OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, INCLUDING SPECIAL PROCEDURES IN FAVOUR OF THESE COUNTRIES (MTN/NTM/9, PARAGRAPH 5). IN THIS CONNEXION, A PROPOSAL BY MEXICO HAS BEEN CIRCULATED IN MTN/NTM/W/29.
 - (e) REVIEW OF THE GATT PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE USE OF QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF THE INTERESTS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (MTN/NTM/9, PARAGRAPH 6).

3. IT WILL BE FURTHER RECALLED THAT THE SUB-GROUP AGREED TO CONTINUE ITS DISCUSSION ON IMPORT LICENSING PROCEDURES ON THE BASIS OF THE TWO DRAFT TEXTS REPRODUCED ON PAGES 15-19 OF MTN/NTM/W/2. IN THIS CONNEXION, ATTENTION IS INVITED TO COMMUNICATIONS FROM DELEGATIONS CIRCULATED IN MTN/NTM/W/11 AND ADDENDA 1-6. A NOTE BY THE SECRETARIAT PRESENTING IN A SYSTEMATIC MANNER ALL THE COMMENTS AND PROPOSALS THAT HAD BEEN MADE THUS FAR BY DELEGATIONS OR THAT HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY THE SECRETARIAT WILL BE CIRCULATED BEFORE THE MEETING (MTN/NTM/9, PARAGRAPH 12). DELEGATIONS WHO HAVE NOT YET REPLIED TO GATT/AIR/1240 ARE REQUESTED TO DO SO WITHOUT DELAY.

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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