

10 MARCH 1976

SUBJECT: GROUP "SECTOR APPROACH"

1. THE FOURTH MEETING OF THE GROUP "SECTOR APPROACH" WILL BE HELD DURING THE PERIOD 6-9 APRIL 1976, BEGINNING AT 3 P.M. ON TUESDAY 6 APRIL 1976, IN THE PALAIS DES NATIONS. MEETINGS OF THE GROUP WILL ALTERNATE WITH THOSE OF THE SUB-GROUP "SUBSIDIES AND COUNTERVAILING DUTIES" OVER THE PERIOD.
2. AS INDICATED IN THE CHAIRMAN'S SUMMING-UP OF THE DISCUSSIONS IN NOVEMBER 1975 (MTN/SEC/3, PARAGRAPHS 6-8), THE GROUP IS EXPECTED TO GIVE MORE DETAILED CONSIDERATION TO THE PAPER (MTN/SEC/W/7) CIRCULATED BY THE CANADIAN DELEGATION, OUTLINING ELEMENTS OF A POSSIBLE AGREEMENT TO LIBERALIZE TRADE IN COPPER PRODUCTS.
3. THE GROUP WILL HAVE BEFORE IT FURTHER INFORMATION REQUESTED FROM THE SECRETARIAT SUPPLEMENTING AND UPDATING DATA ON THE ORES AND METALS SECTOR (MTN/SEC/W/8, 9 AND 10) WITH A VIEW TO PERMITTING A FULLER ANALYSIS OF THE PILOT STUDY ON THIS SECTOR, WITHOUT IMPLYING ANY COMMITMENT AS TO THE WAY IN WHICH THESE ITEMS WILL BE DEALT WITH IN THE NEGOTIATIONS (MTN/SEC/3, PARAGRAPH 3). THE GROUP WILL ALSO HAVE AVAILABLE IN ADD.1 AND 2 OF MTN/SEC/W/2, FURTHER DOCUMENTATION ON CERTAIN SECTORS OF INTEREST TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHICH, INTER ALIA, WILL PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION INCLUDING PROFILES OF THE TOTAL LEVEL OF PROTECTION IN IMPORTING COUNTRIES WITH RESPECT TO THESE SECTORS (MTN/SEC/3, PARAGRAPH 9). AT THE REQUEST OF THE GROUP (MTN/SEC/3, PARAGRAPH 12), A COMPILATION OF READILY AVAILABLE DATA ON TRADE FLOWS, TARIFFS, NON-TARIFF MEASURES, AND PRODUCTION FOR SECTORS WHICH HAVE NOT YET BEEN TAKEN UP WILL BE CIRCULATED BEFORE THE MEETING.
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 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 CARDS.

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