

SUBJECT: NON-TARIFF MEASURES SUB-GROUP "CUSTOMS MATTERS"

1. THE SUB-GROUP "CUSTOMS MATTERS" WILL RECONVENE AT 4 P.M. ON MONDAY, 5 JULY 1976. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE PALAIS DES NATIONS.
2. IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT THE SUB-GROUP AGREED THAT THE WORKING PAPER PREPARED BY THE SECRETARIAT AND CONTAINING A CHECKLIST OF ISSUES RAISED AND OF POSSIBLE ELEMENTS THAT MAY BE INCLUDED IN ANY NEW SET OF INTERNATIONAL RULES OR PRINCIPLES ON CUSTOMS VALUATION TO BE ADOPTED IN THE CONTEXT OF THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS WOULD CONSTITUTE A BASIS FOR, INTER ALIA, THE FURTHER DISCUSSION IN THE SUB-GROUP (MTN/NTM/13 PARAGRAPH 8). THIS DOCUMENT HAS BEEN CIRCULATED ON 15 JUNE AS MTN/NTM/W/51.
3. IT WILL ALSO BE RECALLED THAT THE SUB-GROUP AGREED TO REVERT AT THIS MEETING TO THE QUESTION OF ASPECTS OF POLICY CONSIDERATIONS UNDERLYING IMPORT DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS (ON THE BASIS OF THE SECRETARIAT DOCUMENT MTN/NTM/W/22/REV.1 AND ADDENDA).
4. IT WILL BE FURTHER RECALLED THAT CERTAIN DELEGATIONS STATED THEIR INTENTION TO REVERT AT THIS MEETING TO THE QUESTION OF CONSULAR FORMALITIES AND FEES (MTN/NTM/13 PARAGRAPH 18). A REVISED VERSION OF DOCUMENT MTN/NTM/W/36 WILL BE ISSUED IF REPLIES TO THE INVITATION TO GIVE REASONS IN WRITING FOR THE CONTINUED EXISTENCE OF CONSULAR FORMALITIES AND FEES (SEE MTN/NTM/13 PARAGRAPH 17) ARE RECEIVED BY THE SECRETARIAT.
5. IT WILL BE FINALLY RECALLED THAT THE SUB-GROUP AGREED TO REVERT AT THIS MEETING TO THE QUESTION OF DELAYS INCURRED IN THE FORMAL CUSTOMS CLEARANCE PROCESSES (MTN/NTM/13 PARAGRAPH 19).
6. 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.
7. 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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