

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

1. THE SUB-GROUP "QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS" WILL RECONVENE AT 3 P.M. ON MONDAY, 12 JULY 1976. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE PALAIS DES NATIONS.

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 FOR CIRCULATION (MTN/NTM/9, PARAGRAPH 9, MTN/NTM/14, PARAGRAPH 6 AND GATT/AIR/1273). SUMMARY NOTES RECEIVED SO FAR BY THE SECRETARIAT HAVE BEEN CIRCULATED IN MTN/NTM/W/40 AND ADDENDA. IN ADDITION, THE SECRETARIAT WILL CIRCULATE, PRIOR TO THE MEETING, A NOTE SUMMARIZING THE SITUATION CONCERNING THE STATUS OF THE CONSULTATIONS OR DISCUSSIONS.

(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), MTN/NTM/9, PARAGRAPH 2 AND MTN/NTM/14, PARAGRAPH 5).

(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), MTN/NTM/9, PARAGRAPH 2 AND MTN/NTM/14 PARAGRAPH 7).

(d) DIFFERENTIAL TREATMENT IN FAVOUR OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, INCLUDING SPECIAL PROCEDURES IN FAVOUR OF THESE COUNTRIES (MTN/NTM/9, PARAGRAPH 5 AND MTN/NTM/14, PARAGRAPH 8).

(e) REVIEW OF THE GATT PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE USE OF QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF THE INTEREST OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (MTN/NTM/9, PARAGRAPH 6 AND MTN/NTM/14, PARAGRAPH 10).

(f) THE QUESTION OF ENSURING AN ACCURATE AND COMPLETE DATA BASE ON QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS (MTN/NTM/14, PARAGRAPH 9).

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 1-8. A REVISED NOTE BY THE SECRETARIAT PRESENTING IN A SYSTEMATIC MANNER ALL THE COMMENTS AND PROPOSALS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE THUS FAR BY DELEGATIONS OR THAT HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY THE SECRETARIAT WILL BE CIRCULATED PRIOR TO THE MEETING AS MTN/NTM/W/39/REV.2 (MTN/NTM/14, PARAGRAPH 13). DELEGATIONS WHO HAVE NOT YET REPLIED TO GATT/AIR/1272 ARE REQUESTED TO DO SO WITHOUT DELAY.
4. THE MEETING OF THE SUB-GROUP WILL BE HELD IN ALTERNATION WITH THE MEETING OF THE SUB-GROUP "SUBSIDIES AND COUNTERVAILING DUTIES".
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 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.
6. 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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