

GATT/AIR/1294

18 JUNE 1976

SUBJECT: GROUP "TARIFFS"

1. AS AGREED AT ITS MEETING IN MARCH 1976, THE GROUP "TARIFFS" WILL RECONVENE IN THE WEEK OF 5 JULY 1976. THE MEETING WILL COMMENCE AT 10 A.M. ON 7 JULY AND WILL BE HELD IN THE PALAIS DES NATIONS.

2. IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT THE GROUP HAS AGREED THAT ALL THE ITEMS ON THE AGENDA FOR ITS LAST MEETING SHOULD REMAIN ON THE AGENDA FOR THE FORTHCOMING MEETING (MTN/TAR/5, PARAGRAPH 16). CONSEQUENTLY, THE GROUP WILL REVERT, INTER ALIA, TO THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- (a) THE CHOICE OF A TARIFF CUTTING FORMULA OR FORMULAE (MTN/TAR/5, PARAGRAPHS 2-6). IN THIS CONNEXION IT WAS AGREED THAT THE TARIFF CUTTING FORMULA PUT FORWARD AT THE MARCH MEETING, SPELLED OUT IN MTN/TAR/W/15 AND ADD.1, AS WELL AS THE PROPOSALS, HYPOTHESES AND SUGGESTIONS WHICH HAD BEEN PUT FORWARD EARLIER (MTN/TAR/2, PARAGRAPHS 2 AND 3 AND MTN/TAR/W/18) SHOULD REMAIN BEFORE THE GROUP.
- (b) THE QUESTION OF SPECIAL PROCEDURES FOR NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (MTN/TAR/5, PARAGRAPHS 7-9).
- (c) THE QUESTION OF BASE RATES/BASE DATE AS REGARDS UNBOUND RATES (MTN/TAR/5, PARAGRAPH 10).
- (d) THE SUGGESTION THAT ASSESSMENT OF RECIPROCITY IN THE TARIFF NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT WHETHER DUTIES WERE APPLIED ON A C.I.F. OR F.O.B. BASIS AND THAT APPROPRIATE ADJUSTMENT OF DEPTH OF CUTS SHOULD BE MADE (MTN/TAR/5, PARAGRAPH 12).

3. ALL THE ITEMS ON THE "CHECKLIST OF POSSIBLE ELEMENTS OF A TARIFF NEGOTIATING PLAN" (MTN/TAR/W/4/REV.1) WILL ALSO REMAIN ON THE AGENDA.

4. A SECRETARIAT NOTE ON THE PRESENT SITUATION REGARDING THE CONSOLIDATION OF SCHEDULES HAS BEEN CIRCULATED AS DOCUMENT MTN/TAR/W/26 (MTN/TAR/5, PARAGRAPH 11).

5. A SYNOPTIC TABLE, DRAWN UP BY THE SECRETARIAT, OF THE EXPLANATORY NOTES DESCRIBING PROCEDURES FOR FIXING AND MODIFYING TARIFF RATES WILL BE CIRCULATED PRIOR TO THE MEETING (MIN/TAR/5, PARAGRAPH 15). A PRELIMINARY DRAFT OF THIS PAPER HAS BEEN CIRCULATED AS DOCUMENT SPEC (76)12.

6. THE MEETING IS OPEN TO THOSE COUNTRIES HAVING 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 THIS MEETING OF THE GROUP.

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