

5 OCTOBER 1976

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

1. THE SUB-GROUP "CUSTOMS MATTERS" WILL RECONVENE AT 10 A.M. ON TUESDAY 26 OCTOBER. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE PALAIS DES NATIONS.
2. IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT THE SUB-GROUP AGREED THAT THE REVISED VERSION OF MTN/NTM/W/51 WOULD CONSTITUTE A BASIS FOR THE DISCUSSION ON CUSTOMS VALUATION AT THIS MEETING (MTN/NTM/18, PARAGRAPH 5). THIS PAPER HAS BEEN CIRCULATED AS DOCUMENT MTN/NTM/W/51/REV.1.
3. IT WILL ALSO BE RECALLED THAT WITH REGARD TO THE SUB-GROUP'S WORK ON IMPORT DOCUMENTATION AND CUSTOMS PROCEDURES THE SECRETARIAT WAS REQUESTED TO PREPARE A REPORT ON THE WORK PRESENTLY UNDERTAKEN IN OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, ESPECIALLY IN THE CCC AND IN THE ECE, WHICH IS OF RELEVANCE TO THE SUB-GROUP'S TASK, COMMENTING ON THE EXTENT TO WHICH SOLUTIONS TO SPECIFIC PROBLEMS IN THE FIELDS OF IMPORT DOCUMENTATION AND CUSTOMS PROCEDURES HAVE BEEN OR ARE PRESENTLY BEING PURSUED IN THOSE ORGANIZATIONS (MTN/NTM/18, PARAGRAPH 8). A NOTE BY THE SECRETARIAT IN THIS REGARD HAS BEEN CIRCULATED AS DOCUMENT MTN/NTM/W/60.
4. IT WILL BE FURTHER RECALLED THAT AT THE LAST MEETING SOME DELEGATIONS STATED THEIR INTENTION TO REVERT AT THE FORTHCOMING MEETING TO THE QUESTION OF CONSULAR FORMALITIES AND FEES (MTN/NTM/18, PARAGRAPH 15) AND THAT TWO PROPOSALS, CONTAINED IN PARAGRAPHS 10 AND 12 OF MTN/NTM/18, ARE BEFORE THE SUB-GROUP.
5. IT WILL BE FINALLY RECALLED THAT THE SUB-GROUP AGREED TO REVERT TO THE QUESTION OF DELAYS INCURRED IN THE FORMAL CUSTOMS CLEARANCE PROCESSES AND THE QUESTION OF PENALTIES FOR ERRORS (MTN/NTM/18, PARAGRAPH 17).
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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