

2 FEBRUARY 1977

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

1. AS AGREED BY GROUP "NON-TARIFF MEASURES", THE SUB-GROUP "CUSTOMS MATTERS" WILL RECONVENE AT 3 P.M. ON MONDAY, 21 FEBRUARY 1977. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE BUILDING OF THE INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS UNION ROOM B.
2. IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT THE SUB-GROUP AGREED THAT THE LISTS OF ISSUES WHICH PARTICIPANTS CONSIDER IMPORTANT FOR THE DISCUSSION OF RULES ON CUSTOMS VALUATION WHICH MIGHT BE AGREED UPON IN THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS WOULD CONSTITUTE A BASIS FOR THE DISCUSSION AT THIS MEETING (MTN/NTM/23, PARAGRAPH 6). SUCH LISTS WHICH HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY THE SECRETARIAT ARE CONTAINED IN MTN/NTM/W/65 AND ADDENDA.
3. IT WILL ALSO BE RECALLED THAT THE SUB-GROUP AGREED TO REVERT IN PARTICULAR TO THE PROBLEMS RELATED TO PRICES AND QUANTITIES TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN THE VALUATION OF GOODS FOR CUSTOMS PURPOSES (MTN/NTM/23, PARAGRAPH 5).
4. IT WILL BE FURTHER RECALLED THAT WITH REGARD TO THE SUB-GROUP'S WORK ON IMPORT DOCUMENTATION, CONSULAR FORMALITIES AND FEES, AND CUSTOMS PROCEDURES IT WAS AGREED TO REVERT TO THE PROPOSAL CONTAINED IN MTN/NTM/W/64 CALLING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PROCEDURE OF NOTIFICATION AND CONSULTATION CONCERNING SPECIFIC MEASURES IN THESE AREAS WITH A VIEW TO DETERMINING THE ACCURACY OF THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE AND TO EXPLORING POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEMS IDENTIFIED (MTN/NTM/23, PARAGRAPH 7).
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 GROUP.

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