

24 JANUARY 1978

SUBJECT: FIRST AGREEMENT ON TRADE NEGOTIATIONS AMONG DEVELOPING MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC - BANGKOK AGREEMENT

1. FOLLOWING CONSULTATIONS WITH DELEGATIONS, IT HAS BEEN DECIDED THAT THE WORKING PARTY ESTABLISHED BY THE GATT COUNCIL AT ITS MEETING ON 12 NOVEMBER 1976, "TO EXAMINE, IN THE LIGHT OF THE RELEVANT PROVISIONS OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT, THE PROVISIONS OF THE BANGKOK AGREEMENT, AND TO REPORT TO THE COUNCIL" WILL NOW MEET ON 23 AND 24 FEBRUARY 1978. THE MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE CENTRE WILLIAM RAPPARD, 154 RUE DE LAUSANNE, GENEVA AND WILL COMMENCE AT 10.30 A.M. ON 23 FEBRUARY.

2. THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS ARE RELEVANT TO THE DELIBERATIONS OF THE WORKING PARTY:

L/4418 AND CORR.1 TEXT OF THE BANGKOK AGREEMENT AND COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE FIRST AGREEMENT ON TRADE NEGOTIATIONS AMONG DEVELOPING MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC.

L/4439/REV.1 TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE WORKING PARTY.

L/4529 QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

3. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DECISION OF THE COUNCIL, MEMBERSHIP OF THE WORKING PARTY IS OPEN TO ALL CONTRACTING PARTIES INDICATING THEIR WISH TO SERVE ON IT (C/M/117).

4. CONTRACTING PARTIES WISHING TO SERVE ON THE WORKING PARTY, AS WELL AS OTHER CONTRACTING PARTIES AND ASSOCIATED GOVERNMENTS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS WISHING TO BE REPRESENTED BY OBSERVERS AT THE MEETING ARE REQUESTED TO INFORM ME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE OF THE NAMES OF THEIR REPRESENTATIVES.

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