

GATT/AIR/216

23 JANUARY 1961

SUBJECT: PANEL ON SUBSIDIES - MEETING IN FEBRUARY 1961

1. AT THE SIXTEENTH SESSION IT WAS AGREED THAT THE NEXT MEETING OF THE PANEL ON SUBSIDIES SHOULD BE HELD EARLY IN 1961, THE EXACT DATE TO BE FIXED BY THE SECRETARIAT AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE PANEL. IT HAS BEEN AGREED THAT THE PANEL SHOULD HOLD TWO SHORT MEETINGS; THE FIRST MEETING WILL BE HELD FROM 13-17 FEBRUARY 1961 AND WILL COMMENCE AT 3 P.M. ON 13 FEBRUARY IN THE PALAIS DES NATIONS, GENEVA; THE SECOND MEETING WOULD THEN BE SCHEDULED BY THE PANEL, POSSIBLY TO TAKE PLACE IN MID-APRIL 1961.

2. THE PANEL'S ORIGINAL TERMS OF REFERENCE STATED THAT THE PANEL WAS TO UNDERTAKE THE PREPARATORY WORK FOR THE REVIEW WHICH THE CONTRACTING PARTIES WILL CONDUCT ON THE OPERATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE XVI, AND IN PARTICULAR:

- "(a) TO EXAMINE THE RANGE AND EXTENT OF SUBSIDIES MAINTAINED BY CONTRACTING PARTIES, IN THE LIGHT OF THE NOTIFICATIONS SUBMITTED BY THEM TO THE CONTRACTING PARTIES, AND OF ANY OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION;
- "(b) TO DISCUSS WITH THE NOTIFYING CONTRACTING PARTIES ANY POINT REQUIRING CLARIFICATION AND ANY OTHER COMMENT OR SUGGESTION PUT FORWARD BY OTHER CONTRACTING PARTIES TO THE PANEL CONCERNING THE DOCUMENTATION RECEIVED;
- "(c) TO MAKE PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS TO THE CONTRACTING PARTIES WITH A VIEW TO IMPROVING THE PROCEDURE FOR NOTIFICATIONS;
- "(d) TO ASSEMBLE MATERIALS FOR THE DRAFT REPORT ON THE OPERATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF BOTH SECTIONS OF ARTICLE XVI."

3. THE PANEL CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

CHAIRMAN: MR. S.D. WILKS (UNITED KINGDOM)

MR. L. CORKERY (AUSTRALIA)	M. G. PAQUET (FRANCE)
MR. J.W. EVANS (UNITED STATES)	MR. T. SWAMINATHAN (INDIA)
MR. C. JOHANSEN (DENMARK)	MR. H.J. VAN TUINEN (KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS)
MR. F. MANHART (AUSTRIA)	

4. NOTIFICATIONS BASED ON THE REVISED QUESTIONNAIRE SET OUT IN DOCUMENT L/1315 ARE BEING CIRCULATED TO CONTRACTING PARTIES AS DOCUMENT L/1328 AND ADDENDA;

5. CONTRACTING PARTIES WHICH WISH TO SEND OBSERVERS TO THE MEETING ARE REQUESTED TO COMMUNICATE TO ME THE NAMES OF THEIR REPRESENTATIVES.

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