

GATT/AIR/284

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SUBJECT: GROUP ON MEAT

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DECISION OF THE COUNCIL, AT ITS MEETING FROM 22-28 FEBRUARY TO ESTABLISH A GROUP ON MEAT, I HAVE CONSULTED WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE GROUP AS TO THE DATE ON WHICH THE GROUP SHOULD BE CONVENED.
2. IN THE COURSE OF THESE CONSULTATIONS THE FOLLOWING WAS AGREED UPON:
 - (a) THAT THE PROCEDURES FOR THE WORK OF THE GROUP SHOULD BE SUCH AS TO PRESERVE THE SPECIAL CHARACTER AND STATUS OF THE GROUP;
 - (b) ACCORDINGLY A MEETING OF THE GROUP ATTENDED BY HIGH-LEVEL OFFICIALS AS ENVISAGED BY THE MINISTERS SHOULD ONLY BE CONVENED WHEN THE NECESSARY ELEMENTS ARE PRESENT FOR DEALING EFFECTIVELY WITH THE MAIN PROBLEMS CONFRONTING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN MEAT;
 - (c) IT WAS CONSIDERED DESIRABLE TO HOLD A PREPARATORY MEETING WHICH WOULD AFFORD AN OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE GROUP, ON THE BASIS OF THE SECRETARIAT DOCUMENT (SPEC(62)98) MORE SPECIFICALLY TO DEFINE THE MAIN ELEMENTS OF INTERNATIONAL MEAT TRADE PROBLEMS AND IF THEY SO WISH TO PUT FORWARD SPECIFIC IDEAS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR MEETING SUCH PROBLEMS WHICH COULD FORM A BASIS FOR A SUBSEQUENT HIGH-LEVEL MEETING OF THE GROUP TO BE HELD AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME;
 - (d) FOR REASONS GIVEN IN (a) AND (b) ABOVE, IT WAS FELT THAT THE REPRESENTATION AT THIS PRELIMINARY MEETING WOULD NOT BE AT THE LEVEL ENVISAGED IN THE MINISTERIAL CONCLUSIONS;
 - (e) THE PRELIMINARY MEETING WOULD TAKE PLACE FROM 21-23 MAY, PRIOR TO THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL, WHICH WOULD BE POSTPONED TO 24 MAY.

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