

GATT/AIR/310

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SUBJECT: WORKING PARTY ON PROCEDURES FOR TARIFF REDUCTION

HAVING REGARD TO THE DISCUSSIONS AT THE TWENTIETH SESSION I CONSIDER IT DESIRABLE THAT THE WORKING PARTY ON TARIFF REDUCTION SHOULD HOLD A PRELIMINARY MEETING AT AN EARLY DATE. I THEREFORE SUGGEST THAT THE WORKING PARTY MEET IN GENEVA FROM 12 TO 14 DECEMBER. THE MEETING WILL OPEN AT 3 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY 12 DECEMBER.

AT THIS FIRST MEETING MEMBERS OF THE WORKING PARTY WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO ENGAGE IN A PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION OF THE PROBLEMS AND FACTORS TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN PREPARING NEW PROCEDURES AND TECHNIQUES FOR THE FURTHER REDUCTION OF TARIFF BARRIERS. TO ASSIST THE WORKING PARTY THE SECRETARIAT HAS DISTRIBUTED A NOTE (L/1844) ON THE OBJECTIVES OF A TARIFF REDUCTION PLAN AND ON PROBLEMS WHICH THE WORKING PARTY MIGHT EXAMINE. THIS PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION SHOULD ENABLE MEMBERS OF THE WORKING PARTY TO REFLECT UPON THE ISSUES INVOLVED, TO PREPARE FOR A SUBSTANTIVE EXAMINATION OF THESE ISSUES AND TO ELABORATE A TARIFF REDUCTION SCHEME AT A LATER DATE.

MEMBERS OF THE WORKING PARTY, AS WELL AS ANY OTHER CONTRACTING PARTIES AND ASSOCIATED GOVERNMENTS WISHING TO BE REPRESENTED BY OBSERVERS, ARE REQUESTED TO NOTIFY ME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE OF THE NAMES OF THEIR REPRESENTATIVES.

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