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SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECISIONS OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE -
MEETING OF SUB-COMMITTEE 1

1. AT ITS FIRST MEETING FROM 9 TO 12 SEPTEMBER, THE ACTION COMMITTEE APPOINTED THREE SUB-COMMITTEES TO ASSIST IN IMPLEMENTING THE THREE PRINCIPAL TASKS TO BE PERFORMED WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE COMMITTEE'S INITIAL WORK PROGRAMME. IT WAS FURTHER AGREED THAT THE SUB-COMMITTEES SHOULD BE CONVENED PRIOR TO THE NEXT MEETING OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE BUT THAT THE ACTUAL MEETING DATES SHOULD BE DETERMINED BY THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY IN CONSULTATION WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE SUB-COMMITTEES.
2. THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY HAS ACCORDINGLY CONSULTED WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE CONCERNED AND WITH THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE CONCERNING THE TIMING OF MEETINGS OF THE SUB-COMMITTEES AND REGARDING THE MOST EFFECTIVE APPROACH TO THE WORK TO BE INITIALLY CARRIED OUT BY THEM. AS REGARDS SUB-COMMITTEE 1, IT HAS BEEN AGREED THAT IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO CONVENE A SHORT MEETING STARTING ON 24 OCTOBER AT 10 A.M. IN GENEVA WITH THE PURPOSE OF ORGANIZING THE WORK OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE. THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE TO CO-ORDINATE THIS MEETING WITH COMMITTEE III WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO BE IN SESSION DURING THE PERIOD 21 OCTOBER TO 1 NOVEMBER.
3. IN CONSIDERING STEPS WHICH SHOULD BE TAKEN TO PERMIT THE SUB-COMMITTEE TO MAKE RAPID HEADWAY IT WAS FELT THAT FOR A DECISION TO BE TAKEN ON WORK PRIORITIES IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WOULD INFORM THE SECRETARIAT BY 15 OCTOBER OF PARTICULAR OBSTACLES AFFECTING THEIR EXPORTS AND OF THE AREAS OF WORK THEY FEEL REQUIRE MOST URGENT ATTENTION, TAKING ACCOUNT OF THE FINDINGS OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE AT ITS FIRST MEETING AND THE NOTIFICATIONS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ACTION PROGRAMME RECEIVED FROM GOVERNMENTS AT THAT TIME.
4. TO ASSIST THE SUB-COMMITTEE IN ITS TASK, THE SECRETARIAT WILL DRAW UP A PAPER CONTAINING A GENERAL INVENTORY OF QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS AND A SUMMARY OF TARIFFS AND FISCAL CHARGES APPLIED BY INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES ON PRODUCTS INCLUDED IN THE THREE LISTS OF PRODUCTS EXAMINED BY COMMITTEE III.
5. THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF SUB-COMMITTEE 1 AND ITS MEMBERSHIP ARE SET OUT IN DOCUMENT AC/3, PAGE 10.
6. MEMBERS OF SUB-COMMITTEE 1 ARE REQUESTED TO ADVISE ME BY 21 OCTOBER OF THE NAMES OF THEIR REPRESENTATIVES.

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