

GATT/AIR/364

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SUBJECT: WORKING PARTY ON PREFERENCES AND COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK OF GATT IN RELATION TO LESS-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES

AT THE LAST MEETING OF THE COUNCIL (C/M/18) IT WAS AGREED THAT THE WORKING PARTY ON PREFERENCES AND ALSO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK OF THE GATT IN RELATION TO LESS-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WOULD MEET DURING THE PERIOD 9-18 DECEMBER. I PROPOSE THAT THESE MEETINGS BEGIN AS FOLLOWS:

3 P.M. ON 9 DECEMBER: COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK  
 3 P.M. ON 10 DECEMBER: WORKING PARTY ON PREFERENCES

MEETINGS WILL BE ARRANGED SO THAT THE TWO BODIES WILL NOT BE IN SESSION AT THE SAME TIME.

A SUMMARY OF POINTS RAISED AT THE MEETING OF THE WORKING PARTY ON PREFERENCES WHICH WAS HELD FROM 7-10 OCTOBER HAS BEEN DISTRIBUTED IN DOCUMENT L/2073. CERTAIN STUDIES WHICH THE WORKING PARTY REQUESTED THE SECRETARIAT TO PREPARE WILL BE AVAILABLE WHEN THE WORKING PARTY MEETS. IT WAS AGREED THAT AT THIS SECOND MEETING THE WORKING PARTY WOULD TAKE UP, INTER ALIA, SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION ON THE SECOND PROPOSAL MENTIONED IN ITS TERMS OF REFERENCE, NAMELY THE GRANTING OF PREFERENCES ON SELECTED PRODUCTS BY LESS-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO ALL OTHER LESS-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES; THIS MATTER WAS TO BE PURSUED ON THE BASIS OF CONCRETE SUGGESTIONS RECEIVED FROM MEMBERS OF THE GROUP, BUT SO FAR NO NEW SUGGESTIONS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE SECRETARIAT. A SUMMARY OF THE PROPOSAL SUBMITTED EARLIER BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC WILL BE FOUND IN PARAGRAPH 18 OF DOCUMENT L/2073.

AT THE LAST MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY UNDERTOOK TO DISTRIBUTE A PAPER GIVING AN OUTLINE OF A POSSIBLE AMENDMENT OF THE GATT TO PROVIDE FOR THE WORK OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES IN RELATION TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE LESS-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, AND TO COVER ALL THE OBLIGATIONS OF CONTRACTING PARTIES IN RELATION TO DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS. THIS DOCUMENT WILL BE DISTRIBUTED SHORTLY.

MEMBERS OF THE WORKING PARTY AND OF THE COMMITTEE, AND OTHER CONTRACTING PARTIES AND ASSOCIATED GOVERNMENTS WISHING TO BE REPRESENTED, ARE REQUESTED TO NOTIFY ME BY 6 DECEMBER OF THE NAMES OF THEIR REPRESENTATIVES.

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