

GATT/AIR/696

17 JANUARY 1969

SUBJECT: MEETING OF COMMITTEE ON INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS
NON-TARIFF BARRIERS

1. AT THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE IN INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS ON 17 DECEMBER, IT WAS AGREED THAT THE COMMITTEE'S EXAMINATION OF TRADE BARRIERS NOTIFIED IN COM.IND/6 WOULD BEGIN WITH GOVERNMENT PARTICIPATION IN TRADE (COM.IND/6 - ADDENDUM 1). A MEETING FOR THIS PURPOSE WILL BEGIN ON 3 FEBRUARY AT 3 P.M. IN THE PALAIS DES NATIONS, GENEVA.
2. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THE COMMITTEE'S INITIAL OBJECTIVES SHOULD BE TO REVIEW THE NOTIFIED MEASURES SO AS TO VERIFY THE FACTUAL POSITION AND TO ESTABLISH THE RELATIVE TRADE SIGNIFICANCE OF MEASURES NOTIFIED. THEREFORE NOTIFYING COUNTRIES SHOULD COME PREPARED TO EXPLAIN THE WAY IN WHICH NOTIFIED MEASURES ACT AS BARRIERS AND THE COUNTRIES MAINTAINING THE MEASURES IN QUESTION SHOULD BE PREPARED TO EXPLAIN THE PURPOSE, METHOD AND EFFECT OF THE MEASURES.
3. THE MEETING WILL BE OF ONE WEEK'S DURATION, IN ORDER TO ALLOW TIME FOR THE COMMITTEE:
 - (A) IF POSSIBLE TO COMPLETE THE DISCUSSION OF CATEGORY 1 - GOVERNMENT PARTICIPATION IN TRADE, AND, IF TIME PERMITS
 - (B) TO DISCUSS THE PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED IN ITS WORK INCLUDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TIME-TABLE FOR THE EXAMINATION OF OTHER CATEGORIES OF BARRIERS WITH A VIEW TO COMPLETION OF THE WORK BEFORE THE SUMMER RECESS. IT WAS RECOGNIZED AT THE COMMITTEE'S MEETING ON 17 DECEMBER THAT A FORWARD TIME-TABLE WOULD BE NECESSARY IN VIEW OF THE HEAVY DEMANDS ON THE TIME OF THE EXPERTS WHO WOULD BE NEEDED TO STAFF COUNTRY DELEGATIONS AT MEETINGS.
4. IT WAS ALSO AGREED AT THE MEETING ON 17 DECEMBER THAT GOVERNMENTS SHOULD INDICATE ANY SUGGESTIONS THEY MAY HAVE CONCERNING THE PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED BY THE COMMITTEE IN ITS CONDUCT OF THE EXAMINATION AND IN ITS REPORTING TO THE COUNCIL. CONTRACTING PARTIES ARE ACCORDINGLY INVITED TO SUBMIT ANY SUCH SUGGESTIONS TO THE SECRETARIAT BY 25 JANUARY.
5. MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE AND CONTRACTING PARTIES, ASSOCIATED GOVERNMENTS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS WISHING TO BE REPRESENTED BY OBSERVERS ARE REQUESTED TO INFORM ME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE OF THE NAMES OF THEIR REPRESENTATIVES WHO WILL ATTEND THE MEETING BEGINNING 3 FEBRUARY. CONTRACTING PARTIES NOT MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE WHOSE MEASURES HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED BY OTHER COUNTRIES ARE PARTICULARLY REQUESTED TO BE REPRESENTED.

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