

GATT/AIR/786

2 MARCH 1970

SUBJECT: MEETING OF GROUP 2 OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE IN INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS  
(CUSTOMS AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEMS)

1. WORKING GROUP 2 OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE IN INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS WILL MEET IN THE PALAIS DES NATIONS AT 10 A.M. ON 17 MARCH FOR APPROXIMATELY TEN DAYS, TO CARRY OUT ITS ASSIGNMENT WITH RESPECT TO NOTIFICATIONS DRAWN FROM PART 2 OF THE INVENTORY OF NON-TARIFF BARRIERS, WHICH ARE INCLUDED IN THE ILLUSTRATIVE LIST (L/3298, PAGE 8). THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WORKING GROUP IS MR. F.A. VAN ALPHEN (NETHERLANDS).
2. MEMBERS OF THE WORKING GROUP ARE THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE NOTIFIED MEASURES APPEARING IN PART 2 OF THE INVENTORY OR WHICH MAINTAIN MEASURES THERE NOTIFIED, AS WELL AS ANY OTHER CONTRACTING PARTIES, WHETHER MEMBERS OF THE INDUSTRIAL COMMITTEE OR NOT, WHICH BEFORE THE OPENING OF THE FIRST MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP NOTIFY THEIR INTEREST IN PARTICULAR NOTIFICATIONS WITHIN THE COMPETENCE OF THE GROUP.
3. GROUP 2 HAS, LIKE THE OTHER FOUR WORKING GROUPS, THE TWO-FOLD TASK OF IDENTIFYING THE TYPE OF SOLUTION WHICH APPEARS TO BE APPROPRIATE FOR EACH OF THE PROBLEMS CITED IN THE ILLUSTRATIVE LIST AND TO EXPLORE TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE THE RELEVANT ELEMENTS WHICH WOULD HAVE TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN SUCH A SOLUTION.
4. SINCE PART 2 CONSISTS OF ITEMS WHERE SOME COUNTRIES HAVE NOT ACCEPTED OR DO NOT PRACTISE RULES AND REGULATIONS APPLIED BY MOST GATT COUNTRIES, IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF THESE COUNTRIES EXAMINE, AS PART OF THEIR PREPARATIONS FOR THE MEETING, THE POSSIBILITIES OF ADHERING TO THE GENERALLY RECOGNIZED STANDARDS. FOR THEIR PART, THE NOTIFYING COUNTRIES MIGHT TRY TO SELECT IN ADVANCE AREAS WHERE PROBLEMS ARE PARTICULARLY ACUTE AND GIVE CONSIDERATION TO THE QUESTION OF FINDING PARTIAL SOLUTIONS TO THESE SPECIAL PROBLEMS.
5. MEMBERS OF THE GROUP ARE REQUESTED TO INFORM ME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE OF THE NAMES OF THEIR REPRESENTATIVES.

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