

9 FEBRUARY 1972

SUBJECT: AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

1. THE NEXT MEETING OF THE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD ON 23 TO 25 FEBRUARY 1972. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE PALAIS DES NATIONS, GENEVA, AND WILL START AT 3 P.M. ON 23 FEBRUARY (AND NOT AT 10.30 A.M. AS ANNOUNCED EARLIER).
2. IN PURSUANCE OF THE DIRECTIVES GIVEN TO THE COMMITTEE BY THE COUNCIL IN FEBRUARY 1971 (C/M/66, PARAGRAPH 2), THE CHAIRMAN PROPOSES THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING SHOULD BE INTER ALIA TO EXPLORE THE ADVANTAGES AND SHORTCOMINGS INHERENT IN EACH OF THE VARIOUS APPROACHES ALREADY PUT FORWARD (SEE THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT L/3472) OR IN ANY OTHER THAT MIGHT BE ADVANCED.
3. INTER ALIA, THIS EXPLORATION WOULD BEAR ON THE APPROACHES RELATING TO:
  - (A) SPECIFIC MEASURES, SUCH AS CUSTOMS DUTIES, OTHER IMPORT MEASURES, EXPORT AIDS AND CERTAIN CONCRETE MEASURES PERTAINING TO NATIONAL PRICE AND PRODUCTION POLICIES;
  - (B) INSTRUMENTAL MEASURES, SUCH AS SELF-SUFFICIENCY RATIOS, SUPPORT MARGINS OR INTERNATIONAL STABILIZATION ARRANGEMENTS;
  - (C) POSSIBLE CODES OF GOOD CONDUCT TO GOVERN THE APPLICATION OF NON-TARIFF MEASURES OR OF PRODUCTION POLICIES;
  - (D) A COMBINATION OF THE THREE TECHNIQUES ACCORDING TO THE SECTORS OR PRODUCTS CONCERNED.
4. 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 THIS MEETING.

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