

GATT/AIR/977

10 JANUARY 1973

SUBJECT: PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE TRADE NEGOTIATIONS

1. AFTER CONSULTATION WITH DELEGATIONS, THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE SET UP AT THE TWENTY-EIGHTH SESSION OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES WILL CONVENE FOR ITS FIRST MEETING ON 31 JANUARY AND 1 FEBRUARY 1973. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE PALAIS DES NATIONS GENEVA AND WILL START AT 10 A.M. ON 31 JANUARY.
2. THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WILL BE: (a) TO REVIEW THE PRESENT SITUATION AS REGARDS THE PREPARATORY WORK FOR THE NEGOTIATIONS AND TO PROVIDE A FIRST OPPORTUNITY FOR DELEGATIONS TO RAISE THOSE MATTERS WHICH IN THEIR VIEW THE COMMITTEE SHOULD TAKE UP IN THE COURSE OF ITS WORK AND; (b) TO ENABLE THE COMMITTEE TO ORGANIZE AND LAUNCH ITS WORK.
3. AS AGREED AT THE TWENTY-EIGHTH SESSION, MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE SHALL BE OPEN TO ALL CONTRACTING PARTIES AND TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES NOT CONTRACTING PARTIES WHO WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PREPARATORY WORK FOR THE NEGOTIATIONS.
4. CONTRACTING PARTIES, ASSOCIATED GOVERNMENTS, AND NON-GATT DEVELOPING COUNTRIES HAVING NOTIFIED THEIR WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PREPARATORY WORK FOR THE TRADE NEGOTIATIONS ARE REQUESTED TO ADVISE ME AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE OF THE NAMES OF THEIR REPRESENTATIVES.

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