

18 APRIL 1973

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE ON TRADE IN INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS

1. THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE IN INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS WILL BE HELD ON 10-11 MAY IN THE GOVERNING BODY ROOM AT THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR OFFICE. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 10.30 A.M. ON 10 MAY.
2. THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE ON THE AGENDA OF THE COMMITTEE:
 - (a) TECHNIQUES AND MODALITIES
 - (i) TARIFFS. THE COMMITTEE HAS AGREED TO CONDUCT A DETAILED EXAMINATION OF A LIMITED NUMBER OF TECHNIQUES FOR NEGOTIATING ON TARIFFS, WHICH MIGHT BE USED IN THE FORTHCOMING NEGOTIATIONS (SEE PARAGRAPHS 3 TO 12 OF NOTE ON LAST MEETING, COM.IND/W/96).
 - (ii) NON-TARIFF MEASURES. THE COMMITTEE HAS AGREED TO HOLD A FIRST EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMON LIST OF PRIORITIES ATTACHED TO DEALING WITH THE VARIOUS NON-TARIFF MEASURES IN THE FORTHCOMING TRADE NEGOTIATIONS (COM.IND/W/96, PARAGRAPH 16). THE SECRETARIAT WILL BE CIRCULATING A REVISION OF THE INVENTORY OF NON-TARIFF MEASURES WHEN NOTIFICATIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM DELEGATIONS (COM.IND/W/96, PARAGRAPH 15 AND GATT/AIR/986 OF 27 FEBRUARY 1973). A BALANCE SHEET OF NOTIFICATIONS MADE, BASED ON THE INVENTORY AS IT NOW STANDS, HAS BEEN CIRCULATED AS COM.IND/W/102.
 - (iii) SECTOR APPROACH. THE COMMITTEE HAS AGREED TO EXAMINE THIS APPROACH (COM.IND/W/96, PARAGRAPH 17).
 - (iv) SAFEGUARDS. A PROPOSAL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SUB-GROUP TO EXAMINE THE SAFEGUARD QUESTION IS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE (COM.IND/W/96, PARAGRAPH 19). THE SECRETARIAT HAS CIRCULATED A FACTUAL NOTE ON MEASURES DESIGNED TO SAFEGUARD ACCESS AS COM.IND/W/104.

(v) IMPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES OF VARIOUS SUGGESTED TECHNIQUES AND MODALITIES. THIS MATTER WILL BE TAKEN UP IF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SO REQUEST (COM.IND/W/96, PARAGRAPHS 22 AND 23, COM.IND/W/96, CORR.1).

(b) PROGRESS REPORTS BY CHAIRMEN OF SUBORDINATE BODIES

ORAL REPORTS WILL BE MADE BY THE CHAIRMEN OF WORKING GROUPS 1 TO 4 AND THE WORKING PARTY ON THE TARIFF STUDY (COM.IND/W/96, PARAGRAPH 29). SOME DELEGATIONS HAVE SUGGESTED THAT THE QUESTION OF ADJUSTING THE TARIFF STUDY DATA TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE RESULT OF THE FREE-TRADE AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE EFTA COUNTRIES COVERED BY THE STUDY AND THE EEC BE DISCUSSED (SEE NOTE ON JANUARY MEETING OF WORKING PARTY ON THE TARIFF STUDY, SPEC(73)10, PARAGRAPH 6).

(c) PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS

3. MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE AND CONTRACTING PARTIES, ASSOCIATED GOVERNMENTS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS WISHING TO BE REPRESENTED BY OBSERVERS, AND NON-GATT DEVELOPING COUNTRIES HAVING NOTIFIED THEIR WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PREPARATORY WORK FOR THE TRADE NEGOTIATIONS, ARE REQUESTED TO INFORM ME OF THE NAMES OF THEIR REPRESENTATIVES.

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