SUBJECT: GROUP "SAFEGUARDS"

1. As agreed at its meeting in February 1977, the group "SAFEGUARDS" will hold its next meeting in the week of 2 May 1977. The meeting will begin on 3 May at 10 A.M. and will be held in the new International Labour Office building.

2. It will be recalled that, at its last meeting, the group noted the Chairman's suggestion that it should examine in turn groupings of related issues which had been identified in its discussions, it being understood that no issue was excluded and that points concerning special and differential treatment for developing countries might be raised under each of the groupings. The following groupings were suggested (MTN/SC/7, paragraph 7):

   (A) Criteria, conditions, retaliation, compensation and adjustment assistance;
   (B) Types of measures and modalities of application;
   (C) Domestic procedures;
   (D) Short-term seasonal and cyclical problems;
   (E) Notification, consultation, surveillance, dispute settlement;
   (F) Other topics.

3. The main documents before the group, arranged in countries' alphabetical order, are:

A. PROPOSALS

   DEVELOPING COUNTRIES MTN/3D/5, ANNEX 3-5, MTN/SC/W/10
   UNITED STATES MTN/SC/W/11

B. STATEMENTS

   AUSTRALIA MTN/SC/W/22 + CORR.1
   CANADA MTN/SC/W/17, 23
   EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES MTN/SC/W/18, 24
   JAPAN MTN/SC/W/16, 25
   NORDIC COUNTRIES MTN/SC/W/19
   SOUTH AFRICA MTN/SC/W/26
   UNITED STATES MTN/SC/W/13, 14, 21
4. It will further be recalled that the Group invited delegations to provide written submissions for circulation to members of the Group on the groupings of issues outlined above and on any other issues relevant to the Group's work (MTN/SG/7, paragraph 8 and GATT/AIR/1352).

5. The meeting is open to those countries which have indicated their decision to participate in the multilateral trade negotiations and have thus assumed membership of the Trade Negotiations Committee. Such members are accordingly invited to inform me as soon as possible of the names of their representatives who will attend the meeting of the Group.

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