SUBJECT: "NON-TARIFF MEASURES SUB-GROUP "QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS"

1. THE SUB-GROUP "QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS" WILL RECONVENE AT 10 A.M. ON 17 NOVEMBER 1977. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE CENTRE WILLIAM RAPPARD.

QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS (INCLUDING IMPORT PROHIBITIONS AND SO-CALLED VOLUNTARY EXPORT RESTRAINTS)

2. IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT AT ITS JULY 1977 MEETING (MTN/NTM/34, PARAGRAPHS 5-8) THE SUB-GROUP AGREED TO REVERT AT THIS MEETING TO THE FOLLOWING MATTERS:

(A) POSSIBILITY OF FORMULATING ADDITIONAL PROCEDURES FOR BILATERAL AND/OR PLURILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS ON QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS, AND POSSIBILITY OF WORKING OUT A GENERAL FORMULA OR FORMULAE OF AUTOMATIC APPLICATION (MTN/NTM/2, PARAGRAPH 6(iv)). IN THIS CONTEXT ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO PROPOSALS AND STATEMENTS CIRCULATED IN MTN/NTM/W/6, MTN/NTM/W/29, MTN/NTM/W/66, MTN/NTM/W/67 AND MTN/NTM/W/106.

(B) DIFFERENTIAL TREATMENT INCLUDING SPECIAL PROCEDURES IN FAVOUR OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (MTN/NTM/2, PARAGRAPH 7). IN THIS CONTEXT ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO PROPOSALS AND STATEMENTS CIRCULATED IN COM.TD/W/188, COM.TD/W/198, MTN/3B/15, MTN/3B/18 (ANNEX) AND MTN/NTM/W/29, AS WELL AS A NOTE BY THE SECRETARIAT CIRCULATED IN MTN/3B/20.

(C) REPORTS ON CONSULTATIONS HELD UNDER THE PROCEDURES OF MTN/3B/2. SUMMARY NOTES RECEIVED BY THE SECRETARIAT HAVE BEEN CIRCULATED IN MTN/NTM/W/140 AND ADDENDA. DELEGATIONS WHO HAVE NOT YET SUBMITTED SUMMARY NOTES WITH RESPECT TO CONSULTATIONS IN WHICH THEY HAVE PARTICIPATED AS EXPORTING OR IMPORTING COUNTRIES ARE INVITED TO DO SO WITHOUT DELAY.
(D) FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A LIST OF QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS WHICH HAVE EMERGED FROM THE CONSULTATIONS HELD UNDER THE PROCEDURES OF MTN/NTM/2. IN THIS CONTEXT ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO THE FEASIBILITY STUDY BY THE SECRETARIAT CIRCULATED IN MTN/NTM/W/112.


IMPORT LICENSING PROCEDURES


6. 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 SUB-GROUP.

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