SUBJECT: NON-TARIFF MEASURES SUB-GROUP "CUSTOMS MATTERS"

1. THE SUB-GROUP "CUSTOMS MATTERS" WILL RECONVENE AT 10 A.M. ON TUESDAY, 15 NOVEMBER 1977. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE CENTRE WILLIAM RAPPARD.

2. IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT THE SUB-GROUP AGREED TO CONTINUE ITS DISCUSSION ON CUSTOMS VALUATION. IN THIS CONNEXION, THE DELEGATION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES EXPECTS TO SUBMIT A DRAFT VALUATION CODE WHICH THE SECRETARIAT WILL CIRCULATE IMMEDIATELY AFTER RECEIPT. IT WILL ALSO BE RECALLED THAT COMMUNICATIONS CONTAINING LISTS OF ISSUES WHICH PARTICIPANTS CONSIDER IMPORTANT FOR THE DISCUSSION OF RULES ON CUSTOMS VALUATIONS WERE PREVIOUSLY CIRCULATED IN MTN/NTM/W/65 AND ADDENDA.

3. WITH REGARD TO THE SUB-GROUP'S WORK ON IMPORT DOCUMENTATION, CONSULAR FORMALITIES AND FEES, AND CUSTOMS PROCEDURES, A REQUEST FOR CONSULTATIONS UNDER THE PROCEDURES ADOPTED BY THE SUB-GROUP AT ITS MEETING IN FEBRUARY 1977 (MTN/NTM/27, PARAGRAPH 6 AND ANNEX) HAS BEEN CIRCULATED IN MTN/NTM/W/113. IN ADDITION, A COMMUNICATION FROM THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE CONTAINING A PROGRESS REPORT ON HARMONIZATION AND STANDARDIZATION OF DOCUMENTS LINKED TO IMPORT PROCEDURES WILL BE CIRCULATED SHORTLY IN MTN/NTM/W/116.

4. 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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