NEGOTIATIONS ON AGRICULTURE

Note by the Executive Secretary

In GATT/AIR/436 I explained my intention to convene a short meeting of the Agriculture Committee on 27 January to discuss the procedure for activating the agricultural negotiations. My idea would be that the discussion on procedure at this meeting would be general and preliminary only, and that a more complete discussion should take place at a second meeting which I envisage might be held in the latter half of February.

I would suggest that informal discussions leading up to this meeting should be held in a group consisting of the countries participating in the negotiations on the basis of the linear cut, with the addition of Australia, Canada, New Zealand and South Africa. I would propose to summon the first meeting of this group on 1 February. The informal discussions will be facilitated by the fact that Committee II will be meeting during the same period so that delegations will have agricultural experts present in Geneva.

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