GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

Multilateral Trade Negotiations
Group "Agriculture"
Sub-Group on Meat

MEETING OF NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 1977

Chairman's Summing-Up

1. The Sub-Group on Meat met from 29 November to 1 December 1977.

2. It invited the Secretary-General of UNCTAD or his representative to attend the meeting as an observer.

3. The Sub-Group took note of the communications received from the Chairmen of other Groups or Sub-Groups (MTN/ME/W/25).

4. As agreed at its last meeting (MTN/ME/5, paragraph 5), the Sub-Group continued discussion of the elements contained in the proposals submitted by the European Communities and Australia concerning an arrangement in the meat sector. For the discussion, it had before it a document (MTN/ME/W/24), bringing together the elements contained in the Australian and European Communities proposals and the considerations expressed during the initial discussion of those proposals, which the secretariat had prepared on its own responsibility at the request of the Sub-Group.

5. For the next meeting, the secretariat was invited to prepare, on its own responsibility and in the light of the discussions, a revised text presenting in the most precise terms possible the various provisions contained in document MTN/ME/W/24. With a view to the furtherance of the negotiations, the Sub-Group agreed to consider the revised document as a working hypothesis and to discuss it at its next meeting. The possibility of additional proposals was noted.

6. The Sub-Group agreed to hold its next meeting in the week following the next meeting of the Sub-Group on Dairy Products. The exact date will be fixed in consultation with delegations.