MINISTERIAL MEETING, SEPTEMBER 1986

Communication received from the European Communities

The Head of the Permanent Delegation of the Commission of the European Communities has transmitted to the Director-General a note, dated 28 January 1986, regarding the infrastructure available for the organization of the Ministerial meeting in September in Brussels, and has requested that the text of the note be distributed to the CONTRACTING PARTIES in order to facilitate their choice between the various cities proposed as the site for the Ministerial meeting.

The communication from the European Communities confirming the offer of Brussels as the venue for the meeting was circulated on 16 January 1986 as document L/5953.

INFRASTRUCTURE AVAILABLE FOR ORGANIZATION OF THE GATT MINISTERIAL MEETING IN BRUSSELS

Without doubt, Brussels offers an attractive environment, perfectly suited for the holding of a large international conference. It is famed as a cosmopolitan capital city and a large modern centre, and should have every chance of being chosen as the venue for the GATT Ministerial meeting in September 1986.

The most adequate site at Brussels for a meeting of this size (estimated attendance by some 1,000 participants + supporting staff + press, etc.) would be the "Parc des expositions" which is specifically designed for such events.

Installations of "Parc des expositions"

1. Main conference hall

Palais 10 could be equipped to receive approximately 1,100 delegates. The practical arrangements would take account of the exact needs of the meeting (size of delegations, country groupings, etc.).
2. **Other conference rooms**
   Palais 10 comprises a series of conference rooms which could be available.

3. **Offices**
   The GATT secretariat could use offices situated in the same building as the main conference hall.
   Other offices can be rented in Palais 11 according to the needs of individual delegations.

4. **Facilities**
   Part of Palais 6 or 7 could be used for facilities (rest rooms, typing pool, bar, press, etc.).

5. **Press**
   A meeting room in the basement can be available for press conferences.

6. **Telecommunications**
   All the necessary telecommunication services (telephone, telex, telecopy) will be available.

7. **Restaurant facilities**
   All the necessary infrastructure is available.

8. **Parking areas - transport**
   Large parking areas - direct access to ring road, 15 minutes' drive from airport - underground links to city centre.

**Advantages offered by Brussels**

1. **Hotel accommodation**
   Hotel capacity in Brussels comprises some 17,000 beds.

2. **Access**
   All the major airlines land at Brussels. There are good road and rail links with all European capitals.

3. **General facilities**
   Brussels is an international centre with a broad range of all facilities (banks, restaurants, shopping, leisure activities, etc.).