

GATT/AIR/325

5 APRIL 1963

SUBJECT: MEETINGS TO BE HELD 22 APRIL TO 1 MAY

AT THE LAST MEETING OF THE COUNCIL IT WAS AGREED THAT THE COUNCIL WOULD MEET AGAIN FROM 22-26 APRIL, BUT SOME MODIFICATION OF THIS ARRANGEMENT APPEARS DESIRABLE IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THE WORKING PARTY ON PROCEDURES FOR TARIFF REDUCTION AND THE SPECIAL GROUP ON TRADE IN TROPICAL PRODUCTS ALSO WISHES TO HOLD MEETINGS DURING THAT WEEK. ACCORDINGLY THE FOLLOWING TIMETABLE IS PROPOSED:

22 APRIL, 11 A.M. WORKING PARTY ON PROCEDURES FOR TARIFF REDUCTION

22 APRIL, 3 P.M. SPECIAL GROUP ON TRADE IN TROPICAL PRODUCTS

25 APRIL, 3 P.M. THE COUNCIL

IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE SPECIAL GROUP WILL CONCLUDE ITS WORK BEFORE THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL BEGINS AND THAT THE MEETINGS OF THE WORKING PARTY WILL BE CONCLUDED BY 26 APRIL. THE MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL WILL CONTINUE IF NECESSARY UNTIL 1 MAY. IT IS NOT EXPECTED THAT ANY TWO OF THESE BODIES WILL MEET AT THE SAME TIME. THE MEETINGS WILL BE HELD IN THE PALAIS DES NATIONS, GENEVA.

THE WORKING PARTY ON PROCEDURES FOR TARIFF REDUCTION WILL CONTINUE THE DISCUSSIONS AT THE POINT WHERE THEY WERE ADJOURNED ON 29 MARCH IN ORDER TO FINALIZE ITS RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COUNCIL ON MATTERS TO BE PLACED BEFORE THE MEETING OF MINISTERS. A RECORD OF THE POINTS EXAMINED AT THE MEETING IN MARCH HAS BEEN DISTRIBUTED IN DOCUMENT L/1985.

THE SPECIAL GROUP ON TRADE IN TROPICAL PRODUCTS WILL CONTINUE ITS EXAMINATION OF THE SUB-GROUP'S REPORT (L/1984) AND WILL FINALIZE ITS RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COUNCIL CONCERNING SUBMISSIONS TO MINISTERS.

THE AGENDA FOR THE COUNCIL WILL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

1. MEETING OF MINISTERS. THE COUNCIL IS EXPECTED TO FINALIZE THE AGENDA AND OTHER ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MINISTERIAL MEETING WHICH IS TO BE HELD FROM 16 TO 21 MAY. THE TENTATIVE AGENDA DRAWN UP AT THE LAST MEETING OF THE COUNCIL WILL BE REVIEWED IN THE LIGHT OF THE REPORTS RECEIVED FROM SUBSIDIARY BODIES.

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2. RELATIONS WITH LESS-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. THE REPORT BY THE WORKING PARTY (L/1990) WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE COUNCIL.
3. ACCESSION OF SPAIN. A DRAFT PROTOCOL OF ACCESSION WILL BE DISTRIBUTED IN THE NEAR FUTURE.
4. CANADIAN IMPORT SURCHARGES. A REPORT BY THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA ON THE ELIMINATION OF THE SURCHARGES IMPOSED IN 1962 HAS BEEN DISTRIBUTED (L/1987).
5. TURKISH IMPORT SURCHARGES. A COMMUNICATION FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF TURKEY ANNOUNCING THE IMPOSITION OF SURCHARGES ON IMPORTS, INCLUDING BOUND ITEMS, HAS BEEN DISTRIBUTED IN DOCUMENT L/1988.

MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL, OF THE WORKING PARTY AND OF THE SPECIAL GROUP, AND ALSO OTHER CONTRACTING PARTIES, ASSOCIATED GOVERNMENTS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS DESIRING TO BE REPRESENTED BY OBSERVERS, ARE REQUESTED TO ADVISE ME BY 19 APRIL OF THE NAMES OF THEIR REPRESENTATIVES.

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