

3 MAY 1993

SUBJECT: WORKING PARTY ON CHINA'S STATUS AS A CONTRACTING PARTY

1. THE NEXT MEETING OF THE WORKING PARTY ON CHINA'S STATUS AS A CONTRACTING PARTY WILL TAKE PLACE FROM 24 TO 28 MAY 1993. THE MEETING WILL COMMENCE AT 3 P.M. ON 24 MAY IN THE CENTRE WILLIAM RAPPARD, 154 RUE DE LAUSANNE, GENEVA.

2. THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING IS:

A. TO GIVE MEMBERS OF THE WORKING PARTY THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEEK FURTHER CLARIFICATION FROM CHINA ON RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN ITS ECONOMIC AND FOREIGN TRADE REGIME. IT IS PROPOSED THAT THE DISCUSSION OF THIS AGENDA ITEM BE STRUCTURED AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) AGRICULTURE;
- (2) PRICING POLICIES;
- (3) FOREIGN EXCHANGE ALLOCATION;
- (4) ENTERPRISE AUTONOMY AND THE RIGHT OF ENTERPRISES TO ENGAGE IN FOREIGN TRADE; AND
- (5) ANY OTHER MATTER; AND

B. TO CONTINUE CONSIDERATION OF THE ISSUES TO BE DEALT WITH IN RESPECT OF CHINA'S STATUS AS A CONTRACTING PARTY, ON THE BASIS OF THE INFORMAL NOTE BY THE CHAIRMAN ENTITLED "PRELIMINARY CONSOLIDATED LIST OF ISSUES", CIRCULATED TO MEMBERS OF THE WORKING PARTY ON 2 MARCH 1993.

3. MEMBERS OF THE WORKING PARTY, AND OTHER CONTRACTING PARTY, ASSOCIATED GOVERNMENTS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS WISHING TO BE REPRESENTED AS OBSERVERS ARE REQUESTED TO INFORM ME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE OF THE NAMES OF THEIR REPRESENTATIVES.

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