

8 SEPTEMBER 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 28 SEPTEMBER TO 1 OCTOBER 1993. THE MEETING WILL COMMENCE AT 10 A.M. ON 28 SEPTEMBER 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 CLARIFICATIONS FROM CHINA ON RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN ITS FOREIGN ECONOMIC AND TRADE REGIME. IT IS PROPOSED THAT THE DISCUSSION OF THIS AGENDA ITEM BE STRUCTURED AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) NON-TARIFF MEASURES, INCLUDING THOSE REFLECTED IN SPEC(88)13/ADD.12/REV.1;
- (2) FOREIGN TRADE CORPORATIONS AND THE RIGHT OF ENTERPRISES TO ENGAGE IN FOREIGN TRADE;
- (3) STANDARDS AND INSPECTION;
- (4) FOREIGN EXCHANGE CONTROLS, INCLUDING A PRESENTATION BY A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND;
- (5) UNIFORM APPLICATION OF THE TRADE REGIME, INCLUDING IN SEZs, AND DIFFERENTIAL TREATMENT FOR MINORITY AUTONOMOUS REGIONS AND OTHER AREAS OF ECONOMIC POVERTY;
- (6) AGRICULTURE, INCLUDING SANITARY AND PHYTOSANITARY ISSUES;
- (7) DRAFT FOREIGN TRADE LAW; AND
- (8) ANY OTHER MATTER.

B. TO CONTINUE CONSIDERATION OF THE ISSUES TO BE DEALT WITH IN RESPECT OF CHINA'S STATUS AS A CONTRACTING PARTY.

3. AS AGREED AT THE LAST MEETING OF THE WORKING PARTY, AN INFORMAL GROUP OF EXPERTS ON EXPORT STATISTICS WILL BE CONVENED. THE GROUP WILL MEET ON 27 SEPTEMBER AT 3 P.M., AND ON 29 SEPTEMBER AT 3 P.M. IF NECESSARY, UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF MR. JEAN-MAURICE LEGER, DIRECTOR OF THE STATISTICS AND INFORMATION SERVICES DIVISION OF THE SECRETARIAT.

4. MEMBERS OF THE WORKING PARTY AND OTHER CONTRACTING PARTIES, 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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