

15 JUNE 1994

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 JUNE TO 1 JULY 1994. THE MEETING WILL COMMENCE AT 3 P.M. ON 28 JUNE 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; AND
- B. TO CONTINUE CONSIDERATION OF THE ISSUES TO BE DEALT WITH IN RESPECT OF CHINA'S STATUS AS A CONTRACTING PARTY, INCLUDING ELEMENTS TO BE ADDRESSED IN A DRAFT PROTOCOL.

DOCUMENTS RELEVANT TO THE ABOVE AGENDA INCLUDE TWO SETS OF ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION FROM THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES, DATED 11 AND 23 MAY 1994 (SPEC(88)13/ADD.15 AND ADD.16), "LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN CHINA'S FOREIGN TRADE REGIME", DATED 25 MAY 1994 (SPEC(88)13/ADD.17), AND CHINA'S REPLIES TO FURTHER QUESTIONS, DATED 3 MAY AND 2 JUNE 1994.

3. 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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