

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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Preparatory Committee

NOTE ON FIRST MEETING

1. The Preparatory Committee held its first meeting on 27 and 28 January 1986 under the Chairmanship of the Director-General.
2. At this meeting the Committee discussed the following matters: the organisation of the work of the Preparatory Committee; the venue and dates of the Ministerial Meeting to be held in September 1986; standstill; rollback; treatment of developing countries; safeguards.
3. The following procedural decisions were agreed by the Committee:
 - i) The dates for Committee meetings until the end of June are as follows: 4-5 February; 25-27 February; 17-20 March; 14-16 April; 5-7 May; 9-12 June; and 23-26 June.
 - ii) The Committee will not establish any sub-committees, but will draw on the work going on in the permanent bodies of the GATT and in the Committees and Working Groups set up under the work programme.
 - iii) The secretariat will produce summary records of the Committee's substantive discussions and short notes after each meeting listing the subjects discussed and any procedural decisions taken. It is understood that there will not be a separate report on the work of the Committee.
4. The Chairman announced his intention to take up for consideration the following subjects at the second and third meetings of the Committee on 4-5 February and 25-27 February: trade in agriculture; dispute settlement procedures; tropical products; quantitative restrictions and other non-tariff measures; tariffs; MTN Agreements and Arrangements; subsidies; structural adjustment and trade policy; trade in counterfeit goods and other aspects of intellectual property; exports of domestically prohibited goods; textiles and clothing; export credits for capital goods; problems of trade in certain natural resource products. Where consideration of a subject cannot be taken up at a meeting, it will be carried forward to the next meeting.