

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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Trade Negotiations Committee

SUB-COMMITTEES OF THE TRADE NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE

Draft Terms of Reference

Proposal by Chairman

The following proposed terms of reference for the three sub-committees follow very largely the relevant section of the Resolution (MIN(63)9, page 3) adopted by Ministers on 21 May 1963.

(a) Sub-Committee on the Tariff Negotiating Plan

The Sub-Committee shall consider and submit to the Trade Negotiations Committee recommendations in regard to:

- (i) the depth of the tariff reductions, and the rules for exceptions;
- (ii) the criteria for determining significant disparities in tariff levels and the special rules applicable for tariff reductions in these cases;
- (iii) the problem for certain countries with a very low average level of tariffs or with a special economic or trade structure such that equal linear tariff reductions may not provide an adequate balance of advantages.

In the case of (i) and (ii) above, the Sub-Committee shall submit a report to the Trade Negotiations Committee as soon as possible.

(b) Sub-Committee on Agriculture

- (i) The Sub-Committee shall consider and submit to the Trade Negotiations Committee recommendations in regard to the rules to govern, and the methods to be employed in, the creation of acceptable conditions of access to world markets for agricultural products in furtherance of a significant development and expansion of world trade in such products.

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(ii) To that end the Sub-Committee shall:

(a) co-ordinate the work of the Special Commodity Groups;

(b) consider and make recommendations to the Trade Negotiations Committee as regards agricultural products which are not dealt with by the Groups referred to in (a) above and which are not adequately covered by the Tariff Negotiating Plan.

(c) Sub-Committee on Non-Tariff Barriers and Other Special Problems

The Sub-Committee shall consider, and submit to the Trade Negotiations Committee recommendations in regard to:

(i) the rules to govern and the methods to be employed in the treatment of non-tariff barriers, including inter alia discriminatory treatment applied to products of certain countries and the means of assuring that the value of tariff reductions will not be impaired or nullified by non-tariff barriers;

(ii) the possible need to review the application of certain provisions of the General Agreement, in particular Articles XIX and XXVIII, or the procedures thereunder, with a view to maintaining, to the largest extent possible, trade liberalization and the stability of tariff concessions;

(iii) any other special problems.