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Trade Negotiations Committee

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIFTH MEETING

Held at the International Labour Office, Geneva
on 30 April and 1 May 1964

Chairman: Mr. E. Wyndham White

1. The Committee noted the following reports setting out the stage reached in the various matters which had been referred to its subsidiary bodies.
 - (i) Reports of the Sub-Committee on the Tariff Negotiating Plan - TN.64/14/Rev.1 and TN.64/15 and Addendum
 - (ii) Report of the Group on Meat - TN.64/17
 - (iii) Report of the Group on Cereals - TN.64/20
 - (iv) Report of the Sub-Committee on the Participation of the Less-Developed Countries - TN.64/21
 - (v) Report of the Sub-Committee on Non-Tariff Barriers - TN.64/22
 - (vi) Report of the Committee on Agriculture - TN.64/23.
2. In preparation for the meeting of the Committee at ministerial level on 4 May, the Committee drew up the text of a draft decision which has been circulated as TN.64/25.
3. In discussion on the participation in the negotiations of the countries referred to in Section B.3(c) of the Resolution of Ministers on 2 May 1963, the Committee agreed on the following procedures to apply in the case of countries with a special economic or trade structure such that equal linear tariff reductions may not provide an adequate balance of advantage.

(a) Canada

(1) Canada shall table its list of offers of trade concessions on the same date as countries making their offers on the basis of a linear tariff cut will be tabling their lists of exceptions;

(2) The initial offer of Canada will be designed to balance the trade benefits which it may expect to receive in the negotiations in the light of the negotiating rules accepted by the other participating countries;

(3) this initial offer shall be subject to confrontation and justification, in parallel with and similar to the process of confrontation and justification of exceptions lists, in the light of the criterion set out in (2) above.

(b) Australia, New Zealand and South Africa

(1) These countries shall table their lists of offers of trade concessions on the same date as countries participating in the negotiations on the basis of a linear tariff cut will be tabling their lists of exceptions; provided that the rules to govern, and the methods to be employed in, the negotiations for agricultural products have been elaborated so as to enable assessments to be made of the trade benefits which these countries might reasonably expect to obtain from the negotiations; otherwise the date upon which these countries would table their offers shall be determined by the Trade Negotiations Committee, when such negotiating rules have been elaborated;

(2) the initial offers of these countries will be designed to balance the trade benefits which they may expect to receive in the negotiations in the light of the negotiating rules accepted by the other participating countries;

(3) the Trade Negotiations Committee shall make arrangements for these initial offers to be subject to confrontation and justification in the light of the criterion in (2) above.