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Group "Agriculture"

Sub-Group on Meat

MEETING OF JULY 1976

Note by the Chairman

At the end of the meeting the Chairman on his own responsibility summed-up as follows:

1. The Sub-Group on Meat held its fourth session on 5-7 July. The Sub-Group invited the Secretary-General of UNCTAD or his representative to attend this session of the Sub-Group as an observer.
2. It having been agreed that it would be open to the Sub-Group to revert to the analysis which was regarded as having been effectively completed at the meeting in February (MTN/ME/3, paragraph 3), the Sub-Group carried out a multilateral examination and analysis of all the measures maintained in the bovine sector by Uruguay and Poland on the basis of document MTN/ME/W/8/Rev.2 and of the information supplied by delegations in the course of discussion.
3. It was agreed that the secretariat Summary of Import and Export Measures (MTN/ME/W/8/Rev.2) be further revised to take account of points emerging from the analysis and of the information and comments which delegations were invited to submit, or which delegations had undertaken to submit, in order to complete the summary. Delegations which have not yet presented the measures they maintain in the bovine sector for multilateral examination and analysis are invited to do so at the earliest opportunity.
4. In accordance with the agreement reached at its previous meeting (MTN/ME/3, paragraph 4) the Sub-Group continued the discussion on various elements contained in proposals made with regard to the categories of topics identified at the first meeting (MTN/ME/1, paragraph 6). For this purpose the Sub-Group continued its study of the elements which might, *inter alia*, be the subject of possible multi-lateral treatment, as well as the elements which might not be the subject of such treatment, account being taken in either case of the inter-relationship of the

commitments which might be undertaken. In this regard the representative of the European Economic Community presented a further elaboration of its proposal tabled at an earlier session and certain delegations provided further explanations and clarifications of their proposals or positions. The texts of certain statements are being circulated.¹

5. Given the amount of work that remained to be done and in the light of the date now suggested for the completion of the Multilateral Trade Negotiations, the Chairman noted, with regret, that little progress had been made since the Sub-Group's last meeting in narrowing the differences between some of the major trading countries.

6. The Sub-Group agreed that at its next meeting it would continue the discussion on various elements contained in proposals made with regard to the categories of topics identified at the first meeting (MTN/ME/1, paragraph 6) and that for this purpose, on the basis of proposals that have been or may be made, it would continue to study the elements which might, inter alia, be the subject of possible multilateral treatment, as well as the elements which might not be the subject of such treatment, account being taken in either case of the inter-relationship of the commitments which might be undertaken.

7. In order to facilitate the work of the Sub-Group in terms of paragraph 6 above delegations were again invited to submit at the appropriate stage a list of elements for consideration in this regard and which would be compiled and circulated by the secretariat.

8. It was agreed that the date of the next meeting would be set by the Chairman in consultation with delegations.

9. It was agreed that the Chairman should make an oral report to Group "Agriculture" should that Group meet prior to the next session of the Sub-Group.

¹ European Communities MTN/ME/W/18
Romania MTN/ME/W/19
New Zealand MTN/ME/W/20