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Multilateral Trade Negotiations

GROUP 3(f) - PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND CHECKLIST OF DOCUMENTS

To facilitate discussions at the meeting of Group 3(f) scheduled to commence on 14 October 1974, the following notes have been prepared on the agenda and relevant documentation indicated. The Trade Negotiations Committee agreed at its July meeting that in undertaking its work, Group 3(f) should complete the examination of the problems affecting tropical products and their implications for approaches to the negotiations (MTN/P/3 paragraph 25).

1. Products examined in Group 3(c)

Group 3(f) agreed that it would examine particular aspects falling within its competence of tropical oilseeds, oils and oilcake, rice, sugar and sugar products (ex 17.02 and 17.03) and tobacco following the consideration of these products in Group 3(e). A note (MTN/3F/W/21) listing the relevant background documents prepared for Groups 3(e) and (f) and document references to the discussions which have so far taken place on these items is being circulated. A note on the discussions which will take place at the next meeting of Group 3(c) will also be available.

2. Additional products

The following notes have been issued:

Tropical cut flowers including orchids	MTN/3F/W/14
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Essential oils and resinoids	MTN/3F/W/15
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Shellac, sticklac and other lacs	MTN/3F/W/16
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3. Separate tariff classification, effective protection and internal taxes

Separate tariff classification. It was suggested, in the light of preliminary discussion, that the use where appropriate of separate tariff classification as a technique for negotiations on tropical products might be considered by the Group in greater detail. A secretariat background note has been issued as MTN/3F/W/20.

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Effective protection and internal taxes. These matters have been mentioned in the course of the discussions in Group 3(f). As the Committee on Trade and Development had agreed that an earlier note on this subject prepared for the Committee should be brought to the attention of any machinery established for the negotiations, the details have been re-issued as MTN/3F/W/17.

4. Review of items discussed at earlier meetings of Group 3(f)

At earlier meetings some delegations have suggested that they may have additional comments and suggestions to make with respect to certain of the items already examined (e.g. tropical fruit and fruit products and spices). A listing of documents prepared for earlier meetings of the Group is contained in Annex V of MTN/6.

A note summarizing recent discussions and proposals made in other international bodies with respect to prices has been circulated as MTN/3F/W/18.

5. Other matters

The Group may wish to consider the extent to which it has covered task 16 of the Programme of Work (MTN/2). Delegations may have some further comments and suggestions to make regarding the identification of problems in the field of tropical products and their implications in relation to the negotiations.

For information purposes, the secretariat has consolidated in document MTN/3F/W/19 the lists of products notified during the Kennedy Round and in the course of the present work programme as being of interest to developing countries. A list of background documents in respect of the items examined is also provided.