

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

Multilateral Trade Negotiations

Group "Safeguards"

MEETING OF FEBRUARY 1977

Summing-up by the Chairman

1. The Group met on 14 and 15 February 1977. It agreed that the Chairmanship of the Group should be assumed by the secretariat.
2. The Group invited the Secretary-General of UNCTAD or his representative to attend this session of the Group as an observer. It noted the communications received from Chairmen of other Groups or Sub-Groups (MTN/SG/W/20).
3. At the end of the meeting the Chairman summed up on his own responsibility as follows.
4. The Group's discussion was based on the elements in the specific proposals before it, including the proposals for special and differential treatment for developing countries, and the considerations advanced by other delegations.
5. Members of the Group first commented in detail on proposals for special and differential treatment for developing countries, and in particular those contained in MTN/3D/5, Annexes 3, 4 and 5 and in MTN/SG/W/10. Developing countries stressed that while these proposals had been tabled by individual delegations, they had the support of the great majority of developing countries.¹
6. The Group went on to have a useful discussion based on the other specific proposals before it and the considerations which had been advanced by other delegations (MTN/SG/W/11, 13, 14, 16, 17 and 18).¹

¹Certain of the statements made are being circulated in MTN/SG/W/19, 21, 22 and 23. One statement made at the previous meeting, earmarked for distribution as MTN/SG/W/19 (referred to in paragraph 5 of the summing-up of the Chairman on the last meeting) will not be circulated.

7. The Group turned to the question of its further work. It noted a proposal by the Chairman that the Group should examine in turn groupings of related issues which had been identified in its discussions, it being understood that no issue was excluded and that points concerning special and differential treatment for developing countries might be raised under each of the groupings. The Chairman then suggested the following groupings:

- (1) Criteria, conditions, retaliation, compensation and adjustment assistance
- (2) Types of measures and modalities of application
- (3) Domestic procedures
- (4) Short-term seasonal and cyclical problems
- (5) Notification, consultation, surveillance, dispute settlement
- (6) Other topics.

8. The Group invited delegations to provide written submissions for circulation to members of the Group on the groupings of issues outlined in the preceding paragraph and on any other issues relevant to the Group's work.

9. The Group agreed to hold its next meeting in the week of 2 May 1977.