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# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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## Multilateral Trade Negotiations

### Group "Safeguards"

#### MEETING OF APRIL 1979

##### Summing-Up by the Chairman

1. The Group reconvened on 9 April 1979. It invited the Secretary-General of UNCTAD or his representative to attend the meeting of the Sub-Group as an observer.
2. At the end of the meeting, the Chairman summed up on his own responsibility as follows.
3. The Group took stock of the negotiations on safeguards and agreed that despite the considerable progress made, it had not proved possible at this time to conclude the work referred to in paragraph 3(d) of the Tokyo Declaration. The Group agreed that work should be continued within the framework and in terms of the Tokyo Declaration as a matter of urgency, taking into account the work already done, with the objective of reaching agreement before 15 July 1979. On the basis of statements made, it is the Chairman's expectation that until such time as agreement is reached, contracting parties will continue to abide by the obligations of Article XIX. The Group also noted statements which expressed concern and regret that it had not been possible to reach agreement on an essential element in the total MTN package, in spite of considerable concessions which had been made by developing countries. In these statements it was stressed that contracting parties should continue to adhere to the agreed interpretation of Article XIX and the manner in which it had been used so far.
4. The Group invited the secretariat to prepare, on its own responsibility, a working document which might be taken as a basis for further consultations and negotiations.