

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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Multilateral Trade Negotiations

Group "Safeguards"

MEETING OF JULY 1979

Summing-Up by the Chairman

1. The Group reconvened on 26 July 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 in the light of the directives given by the Trade Negotiations Committee at its meeting of 12 April 1979 (MTN/28, paragraph 6).
4. In recalling the objectives of the Group as set out in the Tokyo Declaration, the Chairman referred to the intensive negotiations, discussions and consultations which had since April been held among delegations in pursuance of these directives, but which, in spite of considerable efforts undertaken by all delegations concerned had so far not resulted in agreement on a safeguards code.
5. The Group took note of the various statements including the statement by the Director-General (C/106) at the GATT Council on 25 July 1979 concerning safeguards (C/M/134, item 11). Attention was also drawn to the Declaration of the Group of 77 at the Fifth Session of UNCTAD at Manila.
6. All delegations expressed their willingness and desire to continue work in the autumn with the objective of reaching agreement. In light of this, members agreed to reflect on how best to continue the work with a view to meeting the objectives of the Tokyo Declaration in this area, taking into account the work already done. The hope was expressed that there would be no unilateral interpretations of Article XIX by any delegation in the interim period.