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Multilateral Trade Negotiations

Group "Non-Tariff Measures"

Sub-Group "Subsidies and Countervailing Duties"

MEETING OF NOVEMBER 1975

Note by the Chairman

1. The Sub-Group met on 10-13 November 1975. It agreed that the Sub-Group should be chaired by the secretariat. It invited the Secretary-General of UNCTAD or his representative to attend this meeting of the Sub-Group as an observer.
2. The Sub-Group had an extensive discussion on problems encountered in the areas of subsidies and countervailing duties and on proposals for appropriate solutions to these problems submitted by several delegations (document MTN/NTM/W/26 and Addenda). A number of questions were asked and comments were made and further explanations and details were given as regards these proposals. The Sub-Group agreed to continue this discussion at its next meeting and invited participants who proposed to respond to the invitation in GATT/AIR/1184 to submit comments and proposals in time before the next meeting, it being understood that delegations which had already submitted comments or proposals might wish to revise them in the light of the discussion. The Sub-Group also invited participants to submit in writing before the next meeting any additional observations or questions they might have in respect of submissions by other members.
3. The Sub-Group also stressed the need for bilateral contacts and consultations to be held before its next meeting in order to elucidate the positions of participants and facilitate the further discussion in the Sub-Group.
4. The Sub-Group had a further exchange of views on differentiated treatment for developing countries in the area of subsidies and countervailing duties. Concrete proposals on the form differentiated treatment might take were made by some developing countries (document MTN/NTM/W/26 pages 2-6 and Add.3) and the Sub-Group took note of observations on this question in other submissions before it. References were also made to the note by the secretariat contained in document MTN/NTM/W/27. Delegations of developing countries noted that specific proposals submitted by a number of developed countries and explanations given by them

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recognized the need for such treatment and welcomed this approach as a step towards elaborating concrete solutions. They also noted that there was a consensus in the Sub-Group that possibilities existed for a differentiated treatment in this field.

5. The Sub-Group agreed to hold its next meeting in late March or early April 1976.