

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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## Multilateral Trade Negotiations

### Group "Non-Tariff Measures"

#### Sub-Group "Subsidies and Countervailing Duties"

### MEETING OF APRIL 1976

#### Note by the Chairman

1. The Sub-Group met on 5-6 April 1976. 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 continued its 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 (documents MTN/NTM/W/26 and addenda and MTN/NTM/W/43 and addendum). Some further comments were made and explanations were given as regards these proposals.
3. The Sub-Group had a further exchange of views on differentiated treatment for developing countries in the area of subsidies and countervailing duties. A number of specific comments were made by several delegations from developed countries and delegations from developing countries gave further clarifications, elaborated on their proposals and responded to some of the comments made. There was a widespread recognition in the Sub-Group that subsidies and countervailing duties is an area where special and differentiated treatment for developing countries is both feasible and appropriate.
4. The Sub-Group invited participants to submit in writing by 17 May 1976 a concise up-date of their current positions on the major issues in the area of subsidies and countervailing duties as they themselves perceive those issues as well as their positions on the issues as other participants perceive them. Where no new or additional submissions are made, the secretariat will limit itself to listing statements contained in written submissions already made in the framework of the Multilateral Trade Negotiations. On the basis of these submissions the secretariat will prepare, on its own responsibility but in consultation with delegations, a working paper containing a check-list of positions on the various issues. This working paper which should be ready by 15 June, will be examined by the Sub-Group at its next meeting.
5. The Sub-Group agreed to hold its next meeting in the week beginning 12 July 1976, the exact date to be fixed at the forthcoming meeting of the Group Non-Tariff Measures