

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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## Multilateral Trade Negotiations

### Group "Non-Tariff Measures"

#### Sub-Group "Technical Barriers to Trade"

### MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 1977

#### Summing-up by the Chairman

1. The Sub-Group met from 22-28 September 1977.
2. It invited the Secretary-General of UNCTAD or his representative to attend this session of the Sub-Group as an observer.
3. In the same way as at its last session, it invited the Central Secretariat of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and the Central Office of the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) to attend this session of the Sub-Group in an expert capacity.
4. The Sub-Group noted the communications received from Chairmen of other Groups or Sub-Groups (MTN/NTM/W/114).
5. The Sub-Group had before it MTN/NTM/W/94 containing the text of the Draft Code of Conduct for Preventing Technical Barriers to Trade and MTN/NTM/W/95 and Corr.1 setting out the points before the Sub-Group.
6. The Sub-Group reviewed the proposals before it for modifications in the text of the Draft Code and agreed to insert a number of these in the Draft Code. Some new proposals were made and discussed.
7. The Sub-Group had an extensive discussion of the proposals relating to special and differential treatment for developing countries.
8. The document containing the proposals before the Sub-Group will be reissued as MTN/NTM/W/... The revised text of the Draft Code will be issued as MTN/NTM/W/ ... The Sub-Group also requested the secretariat to prepare, if possible, a synoptic table which would compare the different proposals made on sections 19 and 21 of the Draft Standards Code.
9. The Sub-Group agreed that the date of its next meeting should be set by the Chairman in consultation with delegations.
10. The Chairman suggested that interested delegations might also wish to initiate informal consultations on proposals which they have put before the Sub-Group.