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GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

Multilateral Trade Negotiations

Group "Non-Tariff Measures"

MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 1978

Summing-Up by the Chairman

1. The Group met on 11 September 1978. It invited the Secretary-General of UNCTAD or his representative to attend this session of the Group as an observer. It noted communications from chairmen of other Groups or Sub-Groups referred to in MTN/NTM/W/182.
2. The Group reviewed the progress made in the negotiations on specific non-tariff measures in accordance with the decisions taken at its meeting of July 1977 (MTN/NTM/35, paragraph 7(c) and Annex).
3. The Group noted that, according to information available to the secretariat, requests had been submitted by a total of forty-one countries or groups of countries addressed to twenty-one countries or groups of countries. Indicative lists had been addressed by nine countries or groups of countries to a total of sixty developing countries. The Group also noted the status of offers or responses as indicated in document MTN/NTM/W/140/Rev.4 and the fact that eleven developing countries or groups of developing countries had tabled contributions, either in a detailed form or by way of communications or statements of a general nature.
4. The Group noted the comments made on this agenda item. It further noted that consultations and negotiations would be continued and intensified in the coming weeks. The Group agreed to revert to this matter at a future meeting.
5. The Group reverted to proposals for dealing with problems in the anti-dumping area (MTN/NTM/35, paragraphs 3 and 5). The Group had before it MTN/INF/30, circulated at the request of certain developing countries, as well as a statement made by the representative of Egypt on this subject (MTN/NTM/W/143).
6. After discussion the Group agreed to have a detailed discussion of the matters raised in MTN/INF/30 and MTN/NTM/W/143 at a meeting to be held on 29 September 1978.