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Multilateral Trade Negotiations

Group "Non-Tariff Measures"

Sub-Group "Customs Matters"

MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 1978

Summing-Up by the Chairman

1. The Sub-Group met on 12 and 28 September 1978. It invited the Secretary-General of UNCTAD or his representative to attend this session of the Sub-Group. It also invited a representative of the Customs Co-operation Council to attend this session of the Sub-Group in an expert capacity.
2. The Sub-Group noted the communications received from the Chairmen of other Groups and Sub-Groups (MTN/NTM/W/183).
3. The Sub-Group had before it MTN/NTM/W/175 containing the text of a draft valuation code, MTN/NTM/W/162 and MTN/NTM/W/167/Rev.1 as well as MTN/NTM/W/188 and MTN/NTM/W/189 containing proposals and amendments for inclusion in a valuation code. The Sub-Group heard detailed statements and explanations by the delegations of India and Spain concerning their proposals on a valuation code (documents MTN/NTM/W/188 and MTN/NTM/W/189 respectively). Several delegations made comments and observations relating to these proposals and raised specific points which they felt had to be taken into account in the further elaboration of a valuation code.
4. The Sub-Group then reviewed the overall situation in the negotiations on valuation and agreed that intensive consultations should continue amongst all interested delegations on the basis of the documentation before the Sub-Group.
5. The Sub-Group also heard a statement by the delegation of the United States on the question of the customs aspects of commercial counterfeiting. This delegation, referring to MTN/NTM/W/187, indicated its intention to hold bilateral and plurilateral consultations under the procedures of MTN/NTM/27 with interested delegations with a view to strengthening the rules and procedures to prevent counterfeiting in international trade. Several delegations welcomed this proposal. Other delegations reserved their position pending the outcome of the proposed consultations.
6. The Sub-Group agreed that intensive consultations on customs valuation between delegations should be undertaken and that the date of its next meeting would be fixed by the Chairman in the light of the results of these consultations.