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Multilateral Trade Negotiations

Group "Non-Tariff Measures"

Sub-Group "Technical Barriers to Trade"

MEETING OF OCTOBER 1978

Summing-up by the Chairman

1. The Sub-Group met on 18 October 1978.
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 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 the Chairmen of other Groups and Sub-Groups (MTN/NTM/W/191).
5. The Sub-Group welcomed the circulation of the proposed revision of the text of the Draft Standards Code contained in MTN/NTM/W/192 and Add.1. As this document had been circulated very recently, some delegations said that they could not give definitive reactions to it. A number of comments and particular points were, however, made. The Sub-Group agreed to examine the document in more depth at its next meeting.
6. The Sub-Group agreed that informal consultations should continue among all interested delegations, inter alia, on the main issues not dealt with in MTN/NTM/192 and Add.1.
7. Finally, the Sub-Group agreed that the date of the next meeting should be fixed by the Chairmen in consultation with interested delegations.