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Multilateral Trade Negotiations

Group "Non-Tariff Measures"

Sub-Group "Technical Barriers to Trade"

MEETING OF DECEMBER 1978

Summing-Up by the Chairman

1. The Sub-Group met on 21 December 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 Group noted paragraphs 3 to 8 to the Chairman's summing-up at the meeting of Group "Agriculture" of 19 December 1978 (MTN/AG/9).
5. The Sub-Group had before it the revised text of the Draft Standards Code contained in MTN/NTM/W/192/Rev.3.
6. The Sub-Group noted that all proposals remained on the table and that all delegations retained the right to revert to specific issues.
7. The Sub-Group noted the specific points and reservations made during the discussion.
8. The Sub-Group noted that there was now broad agreement on the text before it and that the main elements of the standards code were now negotiated out.
9. The Sub-Group agreed that the precise wording of some provisions in the text, including the final provisions and the provisions on dispute settlement, would have to be re-examined.
10. Governments should now examine the text to see if it is acceptable to them.
11. The Sub-Group agreed that informal consultations should be continued and that the date of its next meeting should be fixed by the Chairman in consultation with interested delegations.