

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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## Multilateral Trade Negotiations

### Group "Agriculture"

#### MEETING OF 22 TO 26 SEPTEMBER AND OF 4 DECEMBER 1975

##### Summing-up by the Chairman

1. The Group "Agriculture" met from 22-26 September and discussed several proposals for its future work programme. These are spelled out in documents MTN/AG/2, MTN/AG/W/1 and MTN/AG/W/2.
2. The Group was unable to reach agreement on these matters and it recessed on 26 September in order to permit further consideration in capitals and to permit bilateral and multilateral consultations.
3. The Group reconvened on 4 December and at that time found it was still unable to reach a consensus on the major issues then before it. This was because, in the first instance, and despite intensive efforts, the European Communities and the United States had not yet been able to reach agreement on certain issues.
4. In this situation, several developing countries, stressing the need for advancing the work of great interest to them, and without wishing to prejudice the solution to the global problems on which it had not yet been possible for the Group as a whole to reach agreement, urged the Group to adopt the proposal spelled out in paragraph 11 of MTN/AG/2. The Group was however, not able to reach agreement on this proposal at that time. In this discussion another proposal was tabled (MTN/AG/W/3), but again it was not possible to reach agreement at that time. Another delegation submitted a complementary proposal (MTN/AG/W/4).
5. It was agreed that all the proposals already tabled remain for consideration by the Group.
6. The Group took note of the summings-up by the Chairmen of the work in the three Sub-Groups (MTN/ME/2, MTN/DP/2 and MTN/GR/3). In discussing the work in these Sub-Groups, some delegations expressed concern with the lack of progress made at the third meeting of the Sub-Group on Grains, while others believed that appreciable progress had been made in each of the three Sub-Groups.

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7. In the discussion on 4 December, concern was expressed over implications for the trade negotiations as a whole of the failure to reach a consensus on the future work programme of Group "Agriculture".

8. Group "Agriculture" understands that intensive bilateral and plurilateral discussions are proceeding on the problems before it. There was general agreement that these discussions should be pursued as a matter of great urgency.

9. It was agreed that the Group would meet again as soon as the Chairman, in consultation with members, found there was reason to expect progress, and that, in any event, it would meet not later than the first week of March 1976.