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Group "Agriculture"

MEETING OF JUNE 1978

Chairman's Summing-Up

1. Group "Agriculture" met on 12 June 1978.
2. It invited the Secretary-General of UNCTAD or his representative to attend this session of the Group as an observer.
3. The Group took note of the communications received from the Chairmen of other Groups or Sub-Groups (MTN/AG/W/41).
4. The Group's attention was drawn to the fact that since the last meeting of the Group, six participants had submitted reports on bilateral consultations which they had held under the procedures of MTN/AG/4. The reports (issued as addenda or supplements to MTN/AG/W/22) had been circulated in accordance with the provisions of MTN/AG/5.
5. The Group had before it document MTN/NTM/W/150 containing the present text of the draft code, and other documents which were still before the Sub-Group "Technical Barriers to Trade" (MTN/NTM/W/135, 144, 149, 151, 154), as well as notes prepared at the request of Group "Agriculture" by the secretariat, on Major Points and Observations made at the March 1977 meeting (MTN/AG/W/21) and on Obligations in Respect of Notification, Consultation and Dispute Settlement in Selected International and Regional Bodies (MTN/AG/W/24).
6. The Group continued its review of the applicability of the draft standards code to agricultural products.
7. The Group invited delegations which so wished to send to the secretariat as soon as possible specific proposals or suggestions for any modifications or amendments to the text of the draft code which they consider might be necessary, though not necessarily sufficient, to make the code applicable to agricultural products.
8. It was agreed that the next meeting of the Group would be set by the Chairman in consultation with delegations.