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Multilateral Trade Negotiations

Group "Agriculture"

MEETING OF APRIL 1979

Summing-Up by the Chairman

1. Group "Agriculture" met on 2 April 1979.
2. It invited the Secretary-General of UNCTAD or his representative to attend this session of the Group as an observer.
3. The Group had before it document MTN/INF/43, headed "Multilateral Agricultural Framework".
4. The Group recalled that at its previous meeting it had reached broad consensus on the issues raised in the document; that it had agreed that they merited further examination in depth and that it would revert to the matter (MTN/AG/9, paragraphs 10 and 11).
5. The Group noted that a good deal of progress had been made in consultations among delegations. However, in view of certain differences which still existed, the Chairman proposed a text which he considered might reflect the views of the Group.
6. A number of points were made as regards the issues in document MTN/INF/43 and as regards the proposed text.
7. The text as agreed by the Group is annexed hereto.
8. The Chairman concluded that the Group had taken its work as far as it could.

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ANNEX

MULTILATERAL AGRICULTURAL FRAMEWORK

Group "Agriculture" proposes that the Trade Negotiations Committee recommend to the CONTRACTING PARTIES further to develop active co-operation in the agricultural sector within an appropriate consultative framework.

Group "Agriculture" therefore proposes that the Trade Negotiations Committee recommend to the CONTRACTING PARTIES that the definition of this framework and its tasks be worked out as soon as possible.