

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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## Multilateral Trade Negotiations

### Group "Framework"

#### MEETING OF JUNE/JULY 1977

#### Acting Chairman's Summing-Up

1. The Group met on 30 June and 1 July 1977. It agreed that the secretariat should provide the Chairman for this session of the Group. It agreed to invite the Secretary-General of UNCTAD or his representative to attend this session of the Group as an observer.
2. The Group noted the communications received from Chairmen of other Groups or Sub-Groups (MTN/FR/W/11). It also noted that, in accordance with agreed procedures (MTN/AG/5, paragraph 4I(i)), the Chairman of Group "Agriculture" had communicated copies of MTN/AG/W/22 and Suppl.1 and Add.1 and 2 containing reports concerning consultations held by three countries under the procedures of MTN/AG/4.
3. As agreed at its February meeting (MTN/FR/1, paragraph 6), members of the Group continued to address themselves to substantive questions which the Group is called upon to deal with in the context of its work. The main documents before the Group were MTN/FR/W/1 to 10 and 12.
4. The discussion enabled members of the Group to set out their point of view on matters before the Group, to obtain clarification of points of view already expressed and to give first reactions to specific proposals already made under the different topics.
5. It was noted that it remained open to members of the Group to submit proposals in writing in advance of the next meeting of the Group.
6. The Group agreed to hold its next meeting in the autumn, the exact date to be set by the Acting Chairman in consultation with delegations.
7. The Group agreed that at the autumn meeting it should carry forward in more specific terms the discussion of the substantive questions which the Group is called upon to deal with in the context of its work and that, to this end, each of the substantive questions should be taken up in turn at that meeting.

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8. The acting Chairman recalled the statement which he had made at the last meeting of the Group (MTN/FR/1, paragraph 3) that the practice had developed in GATT negotiations of giving delegations latitude to address themselves to issues in which they had an interest, but that no delegation was obliged to comment on any particular issue and its position was not prejudiced by its silence.