

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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## Multilateral Trade Negotiations

### Group "Framework"

#### MEETING OF 21 JULY 1978

##### Summing-Up by the Acting Chairman

1. The Group met on 21 July. It invited the Secretary-General of UNCTAD or his representative to attend this meeting of the Group as an observer.
2. The Group noted the communications received from the Chairmen of other Groups or Sub-Groups (MTN/FR/W/16).
3. The Group had a useful discussion on each of the points in its work programme on the basis of the various texts before it.
4. The Group agreed that its work could be expedited if members could treat a single document on each of the points before it as a basis for further negotiations while agreeing that the other documents remain on the table, and that efforts should be pursued urgently to arrive at this result. In this connexion, it was noted that there was a consensus that documents MTN/INF/25/Rev.1 (Safeguard Actions for Balance-of-Payments Purposes) and MTN/INF/24/Rev.1 (Safeguard Actions for Development Purposes) could be treated as a basis for further negotiations. Moreover, most but not all delegations were also prepared to treat MTN/INF/29/Rev.1 (Settlement and Management of Disputes) as a basis for further negotiation.
5. The Group further agreed that bilateral and plurilateral consultations should continue and that the Group should meet at short notice early in the autumn to continue with its work.