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Multilateral Trade Negotiations

Group "Agriculture"

Sub-Group on Meat

SUMMING-UP BY THE ACTING CHAIRMAN

The following summing-up by the Acting Chairman of the Sub-Group on Meat was approved by the Sub-Group at its meeting on 19 June 1975.

1. The Sub-Group on Meat held its first session on 16-19 June. As it was noted that discussions were still being held on the question of chairmanship, it was agreed that this session of the Sub-Group would be chaired by the secretariat. The Sub-Group invited the Secretary-General of UNCTAD or his representative to attend this session of the Sub-Group as an observer.
2. The Sub-Group heard a number of statements regarding the basic approaches which could be adopted for the negotiations to be conducted in the Sub-Group with regard to meat. The texts of certain statements were circulated.¹

Coverage

3. The Sub-Group, while noting that it had been established by Group "Agriculture" (MTN/AG/1) to deal with "meat (including live animals)" decided that it would initially deal with all the elements relevant to trade in bovine meat (including live animals).

¹ Argentina	MTN/ME/W/1
New Zealand	MTN/ME/W/2
Australia	MTN/ME/W/3
United States	MTN/ME/W/4
Canada	MTN/ME/W/5
European Communities	MTN/ME/W/6
Yugoslavia	MTN/ME/W/7

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Future work

4. For the purpose of the negotiations, the Sub-Group agreed to carry out, in a first stage, an analysis of the specific characteristics, of the structure and the problems of the world meat trade, including the direct or indirect impact of trade barriers and trade distorting practices. It was agreed that the Sub-Group would aim to complete this analysis at its next meeting. Delegations were invited to submit written contributions to assist the Sub-Group in carrying out this analysis.

5. The secretariat was also asked to prepare a summary of import and export measures.

6. With a view to seeking possible multilateral solutions in this sector as decided by the Group "Agriculture", and in conformity with the Tokyo Declaration, including its paragraphs 2, 3(e), 4, 6 and 8, the Sub-Group agreed to deal, in a second stage, with all the elements of all proposals that have been or may be made, with the objective of assessing their content and their relevance to the problems raised and to the objectives of the negotiations. In this regard the Sub-Group agreed to deal initially with:

- (a) the elements contained in certain proposals related to the objective of expansion and ever greater liberalization of trade;
- (b) the elements contained in certain proposals related to concerted actions between importing and exporting countries in the conduct of their trade policies, directed to achieving stable and secure trading conditions, as well as in other approaches aiming at the same objective;
- (c) the elements contained in certain proposals related to the special and differentiated treatment which is to be given to developing countries;
- (d) the elements contained in certain proposals related to forms of international co-operation and its mechanisms.

Next Meeting

7. The date of the next meeting of the Sub-Group will be fixed in consultation with delegations.