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Meeting of 27 October 1986

Chairman: the Director-General

Subjects Discussed:

1. Organisation of work
2. Date of the next meeting
3. Other business

Organisation of Work

1. The following matters were considered under this item:

i) Surveillance of standstill and rollback: The Group took note of the ideas contained in the statement made on this subject by the Chairman of the Trade Negotiations Committee (see MTN.TNC/1) and agreed that further consultations would be necessary before a decision could be made on the nature of the surveillance mechanism to be designated.

ii) Establishment of negotiating groups: The Group agreed that further consultations should be held concerning the establishment of negotiating groups and the appointment of the Chairmen of these groups.

iii) Observer status for international organizations: The Chairman drew attention to the proposal made on this subject by the Chairman of the Trade Negotiations Committee (see MTN.TNC/1), with which the TNC had agreed. He indicated that in the light of this the Group of Negotiations on Goods would in due time be called upon to consider the question of observer status for international organizations in its meetings and to invite the negotiating groups which it would establish to consider the same question.

Date of the Next Meeting

2. The Group decided to hold its next meeting on 7 November 1986 at 10 am.

Other Business

3. The question was raised as to whether, in the light of the criteria for participation in the multilateral trade negotiations set out in Section F of the Ministerial Declaration, the secretariat should be requested to bring the results of the Punta del Este meeting to the attention of governments of countries applying the GATT de facto and of developing country non-contracting parties. The Group agreed to consider this matter at its next meeting.

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