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Proposals for further discussion in the FOGS Negotiating Group

Note by the Secretariat

The following is a list compiled by the Secretariat of additional subjects that have been proposed for discussion in the Group.

- (a) Review and rationalization of notification procedures in GATT, including proposals for a central repository or register of notifications. Proposals by the United States (NG14/W/9), Jamaica (NG14/W/11 and W/22), New Zealand (NG14/W/13), and European Communities (NG14/W/20). Notification requirements under the General Agreement have been summarized in NG14/W/18 by the secretariat.
- (b) Evolution of the rôles of the Director-General and the secretariat. Proposals by the Nordic countries (NG14/W/17) and the European Communities (NG14/W/20).
- (c) Procedures and rules for decision-making. Proposals by the Nordic countries (NG14/W/17) and European Communities (NG14/W/20).
- (d) The institutional framework of GATT, with specific reference to examination of the functions of the ICITO. Jamaica (NG14/W/22).
- (e) Consideration of criteria which might assist contracting parties in establishing domestic surveillance bodies. Proposal by New Zealand (NG14/W/13).
- (f) The question of "credit" in trade negotiations for trade liberalization measures taken by developing countries autonomously or as part of programmes agreed with international financial institutions. References to the question have been made by Canada (NG14/W/10), the European Communities (NG14/W/20 and W/28), Jamaica (NG14/W/22), and Mexico (NG14/W/26). Specific aspects of this question are also treated in the mid-term review texts on tariffs (MTN.TNC/11, page 4, paragraph 2(c)) non-tariff measures (page 5, paragraph 2(h)) and agriculture (page 9, paragraph 6).
- (g) The importance of and need for coherence between global trade, financial and monetary policies and the implications for the operation of GATT as an institution and its relations with other international

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fora. (Notes on seventh, eighth and ninth meetings of the FOGS Group (MTN.GNG/NG14/7-9), and proposals by Canada (MTN.GNG/NG14/W/21), Mexico (W/26) and the European Communities (W/28)). Within this context, the Director-General has been requested by the CONTRACTING PARTIES to report by 1 September 1989 on his discussions with the heads of the IMF and the World Bank on ways to contribute to achieving the Group's third negotiating objective.

(h) Establishment of a small Ministerial group. References by Australia (MTN.GNG/NG14/W/2 and W/16/Rev.1), the United States (NG14/W/9), Canada (NG14/W/10), Jamaica (NG14/W/11 and W/22), Switzerland (NG14/W/15), and a number of contracting parties (NG14/W/30), and in the note on the eleventh meeting of the FOGS Group (MTN.GNG/NG14/11).

The following additional issues were mentioned at the Group's meeting on 1-3 May 1989.

(i) Ways of guaranteeing transparency in the GATT (MTN.GNG/NG14/11).

(j) Consideration of the procedures necessary to bring the results of the new areas of the Uruguay Round negotiations under the GATT and the subsequent functioning of the system (MTN.GNG/NG14/11).

(k) Ways of strengthening the ability of the GATT to prevent as well as to solve trade disputes (MTN.GNG/NG14/11).

(l) Modalities of establishing formal relations with other international organizations (MTN.GNG/NG14/11).

(m) Harmonization of texts arising out of the Uruguay Round negotiations (MTN.GNG/NG14/11).

(n) Formal harmonization of the legal provisions of the General Agreement, including the Notes and Supplementary Provisions (MTN.GNG/NG14/11).

(o) Institutional matters, such as the rôle of the Budget Committee, the financing of GATT, and the general functioning of the institution (MTN.GNG/NG14/11).