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NOTE ON THE MEETING OF 16-20 JULY 1990

Addendum

Please find attached the reports of the Chairmen of the sectoral working groups (labour mobility, construction and engineering services, maritime transport services, land transport services, air transport services, telecommunications services) which have met since the June meeting of the GNS. The report of the financial services including insurance working group is reproduced in MTN.GNS/36, paragraphs 2 and 3.

FIRST MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP
ON LABOUR MOBILITY

1. The Working Group on labour mobility held its first meeting on 25-27 June 1990.
2. The purpose of the meeting was to arrive at a better understanding of the specificities involved in questions related to labour mobility and any elements that may need to be taken into account in the application of the general framework on trade in services.
3. In this context, the working group discussed the following matters:
 - how to deal with matters relating to definition, including the meaning of: essential service providers; temporary relocation of labour; the distinction between temporary movement and immigration;
 - the applicability of principles and concepts such as national treatment, market access, most-favoured-nation treatment, and non-discrimination to this sector;
 - progressive liberalization and its relationship to labour movement linked to the provision of services;
 - the increasing participation of developing countries.

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FIRST MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP
ON CONSTRUCTION AND ENGINEERING SERVICES

1. The Working Group on Construction and Engineering Services held its first meeting on 28-29 June 1990.
2. The purpose of the meeting was to arrive at a better understanding of the specificities of the sector and any elements that may need to be taken into account in the application of the general framework on trade in services.
3. In this context, the working group discussed the following matters:
 - the general issues related among others to definition and scope of CES activities to be covered in the work of the group;
 - the applicability of principles and concepts such as national treatment, market access, most favoured nation treatment, and non-discrimination; increasing participation of developing countries.
 - the regulatory situations existing in this sector;
 - progressive liberalization and its relationship to construction and engineering;
 - modalities of providing increasing participation of developing countries in this sector.
4. The Working Group agreed to have another meeting early in autumn this year.

FIRST MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP
ON MARITIME TRANSPORT SERVICES

1. The Working Group on Maritime Transport Services held its first meeting on 2-3 July 1990.
2. The purpose of the meeting was to arrive at a better understanding of the specificities of the sector and any elements that may need to be taken into account in the application of the general framework on trade in services.
3. In this context, the working group discussed the following matters:
 - general issues including definition and scope, coverage and existing international agreements;

- the applicability of general principles and concepts such as national treatment, market access, most favoured nation treatment, and non-discrimination;
- the regulatory regime applying to trade in the sector;
- progressive liberalization and its relationship to maritime transport services;
- modalities of providing for the increasing participation of developing countries in maritime transport services.

4. On the basis of the discussion the Chairman noted a number of items for further consideration: dispute settlement procedures, government procurement, subsidies, auxiliary shipping services, cargo-sharing and reservation policies.

5. The Working Group agreed to have another meeting early in autumn this year.

FIRST MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP
ON LAND TRANSPORT SERVICES

1. The Working Group on land transport services held its first meeting on 4 July 1990.

2. The purpose of the meeting was to arrive at a better understanding of the specificities of the sector and any elements that may need to be taken into account in the application of the general framework on trade in services.

3. In this context, the working group discussed the following matters:

- the question of whether inland waterways should be included in the discussions of this group;
- the implications of the applicability of principles, concepts and rules such as national treatment, market access, most favoured nation treatment, and non-discrimination to this sector;
- regulatory matters, including the recognition and harmonization of technical standards;
- progressive liberalization and its relationship to inland transport services;
- the increasing participation of developing countries.

4. The group expressed a preference to meet again to discuss the Draft Multilateral Framework for Trade in Services in the second half of September.

FIRST MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP
ON AIR TRANSPORT SERVICES

1. The working group on air transport services in the context of the GNS held its first meeting on 5-6 July 1990.

2. The purpose of the meeting was to arrive at a better understanding of the specificities of the air transport sector and of any elements that may need to be taken into account in the application of the general framework on trade in services.

3. In this context, the working group held a first general discussion of the main characteristics of the air transport sector and of elements which could warrant particular attention in considering the need for - and the contents of - a sectoral annotation. The group also examined the concepts, principles and rules being considered in the GNS for inclusion in the framework agreement as they relate to the specific requirements of trade in air transport services.

4. The working group has, subject to confirmation from the GNS, tentatively scheduled its next meeting for the third week of September 1990. The agenda of that meeting could consist of an examination for the air transport sector of the elements of the draft multilateral framework to be presented to the July 1990 meeting of the TNC as well as a consideration of existing international arrangements and disciplines in international civil aviation.

SECOND MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

1. The Working Group on Telecommunications Services held its second meeting on 9-11 July 1990.

2. The working group continued its discussion of telecommunications issues with a view to arriving at a better understanding of the specificities of the sector and any elements that may need to be taken into account in the application of the general framework on trade in services.

3. In this context, the working group covered the following matters:

- Telecommunications as a mode of delivery, transparency, standards-related issues, pricing and tariffs, conditions of

supply/use of networks, issues related to "basic" and "non-basic" or "enhanced" services, access to information and privacy, anti-competitive behaviour, and increasing participation of developing countries;

- Two new documents submitted jointly by the delegations of Cameroon, Egypt, India, and Nigeria - one presenting a sectoral annotation on telecommunications services (MTN.GNS/TEL/1) and the other presenting an annex on telecommunications as a mode of delivery (MTN.GNS/TEL/2).
- Further discussion of proposals initially presented to the working group at its first meeting, including revised non-papers from Korea and Japan, the non-paper from the European Communities as well as the submission by the United States (MTN.GNS/W/97). The delegation of the United States also submitted an informal information note outlining the objectives of its Telecommunications Services Annex.

4. The working group requested the secretariat to prepare a synoptic table of proposals under consideration as well as a checklist of issues to support discussions at its next meeting. The group agreed to meet again in September to determine whether any of the topics covered in its discussions may require treatment in a sectoral annex in the light of the draft framework to be submitted by the GNS to the TNC at its July meeting.