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MEETING OF 17 SEPTEMBER 1990

The Group met on 17 September under the chairmanship of Dr. Chulsu Kim (Republic of Korea).

A. The Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade

1. The Chairman recalled the text transmitted to the GNG and statements made at the previous meeting of the Group (ref. MTN.GNG/NG8/19, paras. 2-4). He noted that a further set of informal meetings would begin on 18 September 1990.

B. The Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures

- 2. The Chairman recalled the text transmitted to the GNG and statements made at the previous meeting of the Group (ref. MTN.GNG/NG8/19, paras. 7-10). He noted that a further informal meeting had been held on 5 September 1990 when progress had been made on a number of issues; a revision of MTN.GNG/NG8/W/83/Add.1 would be circulated, containing also proposals by one delegation on making the revised Agreement applicable to both import and export licensing procedures.
- 3. A further informal meeting would be held on 28 September 1990, continuing, if necessary, on 29 September. The aim, he was informed, was to finalize the informal work at that meeting.

C. The Agreement on Implementation of Article VI (Anti-Dumping Code)

4. The Chairman recalled statements made at the previous meeting of the Group (ref. MTN.GNG/NG8/19, paras. 11-22). Further informal meetings had been held under the chairmanship of Mr. C.R. Carlisle, Deputy Director-General, whose second comprehensive paper dated 14 August had been discussed on 3-5 September 1990. The next informal meeting was to take place from 19-21 September and a further meeting was scheduled for 3-5 October 1990.

D. The Agreement on Government Procurement

5. The Chairman recalled the text contained in MTN.GNG/NG8/W/83/Add.2, transmitted to the GNG. A further informal meeting had been held on 1 August 1990. It was his understanding that no progress had been made on any of the issues referred to in that paper, and that attendance had been very small. A further informal meeting might be held on 2 October 1990.

E. The Agreement on Implementation and Application of Article VII (Customs Valuation Code)

The Chairman recalled the text transmitted to the GNG (MTN.GNG/NG8/W/83/Add.4). A further informal meeting at the level of customs experts would take place on 15-16 October 1990.

F. Other business

The Group agreed to set aside <u>18-19 October 1990</u> for its next meeting. The Chairman stated that it was his expectation that by then the informal groups should have completed their work, so that it would be possible for the NG8 to adopt the final results and transmit them to the GNG.