

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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## Group on Quantitative Restrictions and other Non-Tariff Measures

### PROGRESS REPORT

1. According to its mandate stipulated in the Ministerial Declaration of November 1982 (L/5424, page 10), the Group on Quantitative Restrictions and Other Non-Tariff Measures shall make progress reports to the Council. This report is presented by the Chairman on his own responsibility.

2. The Group has met twice, on 10 March and 21 October 1983. Its mandate and membership are to be found in document NTM/1/Rev.1.

3. At its first meeting it agreed to adopt a three-stage approach to its work, as follows:

Stage I Compilation of an adequate information base for the work of the Group;

Stage II Review of existing quantitative restrictions and other non-tariff measures, the grounds on which these are maintained, and their conformity with the provisions of the General Agreement, so as to achieve the elimination of quantitative restrictions which are not in conformity with the General Agreement or their being brought into conformity with the General Agreement, and also to achieve progress in liberalizing other quantitative restrictions and non-tariff measures;

Stage III Consideration of the Group's findings and conclusions, and preparation of its final report, to be presented to the CONTRACTING PARTIES in November 1984.

The Group agreed that adequate attention would be given to the need for action on quantitative restrictions and other measures affecting products of particular export interest to developing countries at each stage of the Group's work. A note on the first meeting, is contained in secretariat note NTM/2.

4. At its second meeting, the Group had before it the documentation on which to base its review of quantitative restrictions and other non-tariff measures (NTM/W/4/Rev.1, NTM/W/6 and Add.1 and NTM/W/7).

5. The Group agreed that this documentation provides an adequate basis for its work on the understanding that it is necessary to ensure the continuation of the work of collecting information from all contracting parties, as well as improving the quality of that already available. The Group therefore agreed that it could now proceed to Stage II of its work.

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6. The Group initiated discussion of Stage II of its work. It discussed the procedure to be followed in this Stage on the basis of proposals from the Chair. A large number of statements were made. It agreed on procedures for this stage of its work. A detailed secretariat note on the meeting, is to be issued in the NTM/... series.

7. The Group agreed that it would begin its detailed review of quantitative restrictions and other non-tariff measures at its next meeting to be held on 5-9 December 1983.

8. The Group has set aside the week of 6 February 1984 for a possible further meeting. It intends to arrange its programme of meetings in order to allow it to conclude Stage II of its work at a meeting to be held in the week of 9 April 1984. It will then take up Stage III, consideration of its findings and conclusions and preparation of its final report to the 1984 session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES.