

**Committee on Anti-Dumping Practices
Ad Hoc Group on Implementation**

**SUMMARY REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE
AD HOC GROUP ON IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE COMMITTEE ON ANTI-DUMPING PRACTICES
22 OCTOBER 1996**

Note by the Secretariat

1. The principal matter addressed at the meeting was how the Ad Hoc Group on Implementation ("the Group") would proceed with its work. At informal consultations held on 1 October 1996, Members had generally agreed that the Group should direct its own work, that it could discuss more than one topic at a given meeting, and that it would make recommendations to the Committee on Anti-Dumping Practices ("the Committee") as possible on the topics that had been referred to it.¹
2. The Chairman (Mr. O. Lundby, Norway) invited Members to submit papers and proposals on any of the topics that had been referred to the Group by the Committee at its meeting on 21-22 October 1996.
3. Any papers or proposals should be submitted directly to the Secretariat for translation and circulation to Members of the Committee. With respect to the order in which the Group took up the various topics, Members had agreed in the informal consultations that the Group would take up topics for discussion in the order in which the papers were received. Thus, if the first paper received related to topic No. 1 on the list of topics referred to the Group by the Committee, Treatment of confidential information, the Group would discuss that topic first, including in the discussion any other papers received addressing that topic. The Group would discuss that topic as long as it appeared the discussion was fruitful. The Group would then either make a recommendation to the Committee, if it was possible to do so, or table the topic for further discussion at a later meeting. The Group would then turn to the topic addressed in the second paper received, and so forth.
4. The Chairman clarified that it would not be necessary for the Group to exhaust all possible discussion on one topic before turning to discussion of another topic. If the discussion of a particular topic no longer appeared fruitful, the Group could simply put it aside until a later time, when perhaps new ideas would be proposed by Members, and further discussion might again be fruitful.
5. Following discussion, it was agreed that the Group would meet at least twice a year, at a time in conjunction with the regular meetings of the Committee, in order to facilitate participation by experts from capitals. Additional meetings might be scheduled if the Members participating concluded that such additional meetings would be useful. It was further agreed that a deadline for submission of papers

¹The list of topics referred to the Ad Hoc Group was circulated to Members in document G/ADP/W/401.

would be established, in order to allow time for translation and circulation of papers to Members of the Committee, to ensure substantive discussions of the issues and proposals at the Group's meetings.

6. After discussion it was agreed that the Group would hold its first meeting for two days in April 1997, in conjunction with the regular meeting of the Committee, and make a decision at that time as to when it would hold its next meeting. It was also agreed that papers and proposals from Members were to be submitted no later than the first week in March 1997.²

² Document G/ADP/W/401, sets forth a deadline of 2 March 1997 for submission of papers and proposals from Members on any of the topics referred to the Group for discussion.