

Trade Policy Review Body

TRADE POLICY REVIEW MECHANISM

ZAMBIA

Arrangements for Review Meetings

Communication from the Chairperson of the Trade Policy Review Body

1. In pursuance of Article IV, paragraph 4 and Annex 3 of the WTO Agreement, a meeting of the Trade Policy Review Body is scheduled for 9-10 September to conduct a review of the trade policies and practices of Zambia (WTO/AIR/397).

2. This communication sets out arrangements concerning the review meetings. In this connection, attention is also drawn to the procedures for the conduct of reviews contained in the rules of procedure for meetings of the Trade Policy Review Body (WT/TPR/6).

(i) Questions in writing in advance of the meeting

3. Where possible, Members shall submit written questions to the Members under review at least one week before the review meeting, to allow time to prepare replies. For the review of Zambia, such questions should therefore be in the hands of the Secretariat by **Monday, 2 September**. All questions submitted will be made available to Members at the beginning of the meeting.

(ii) Discussants

4. In consultation with the Members under review, the Chairperson of the Trade Policy Review Body may choose discussants who, in their personal capacity, will introduce the discussions in the Body. For the review of Zambia, Mr. Peter Jenkins and Mr. Calson Mbegabolawe will act as discussants. Documents summarizing the main points to be raised by the discussants will be circulated one week in advance of the meetings.

(iii) Structure of the meetings

5. Trade policy reviews cover four broad headings:

- (a) appreciation of the full range of the Member's trade policies and practices;
- (b) relevant background: wider economic and developmental needs, including the external environment;

- (c) impact of the Member's trade policies and practices on the functioning of the multilateral trading system; and
- (d) general comments by way of assessment and evaluation.

The meeting for Zambia will take place on two successive afternoons. The first afternoon is devoted to the opening statements by the Member under review, discussants and remarks from the floor. The discussion on the second morning, when replies are made by the Member under review, is based on main themes identified after the opening of the meeting by the Chairperson, discussants and Secretariat in consultation with the Member.

(iv) Documentation and press arrangements

6. Reports by the Member under review and the Secretariat are contained in the following documents:

WT/TPR/G/17	Report by the Government of Zambia
WT/TPR/S/17	Zambia: Report by the Secretariat

7. The press embargo for the review of Zambia will end at 13.00 GMT (15.00 local time) on Tuesday, 10 September 1996.

(v) Minutes

8. Minutes of the meeting will be circulated promptly and will be published together with the reports by the Government and the Secretariat.

(vi) Answers in writing by the contracting parties under review after the special Council meetings

9. In the course of the discussions at the review meeting, the Member under review may indicate that it intends to provide supplementary information, in writing, on specific points raised. Upon receipt, the Secretariat will circulate a document containing this information to all Members. Such information will not be reflected in the minutes of the meetings.