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## **Working Party on Preshipment Inspection**

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 1 DECEMBER 1997

Chairman: Mr. Chiedu Osakwe

The agenda proposed for the meeting, contained in WTO/AIR/716 and Corr.1, was adopted as follows:

#### Preparation of the Final Report to the General Council (G/PSI/WP/W/15)

##### 1. Preparation of the Final Report to the General Council

1.1 The Chairman welcomed Members to the fourth meeting of the Working Party. He proposed that Members consider the text of the draft Final Report of the Working Party, contained in document G/PSI/WP/W/15, for adoption.

1.2 The representative of the United States requested that the text reflect the fact that the United States had submitted a non-paper at the first meeting of the Working Party. He proposed that a sentence or phrase be included in paragraph 6 of the paper stating that, in addition to the papers on national experiences and the communication from Switzerland, the United States had also submitted a non-paper.

1.3 The Working Party adopted the draft Final Report with the addition of the United States' reference to its non-paper, and agreed to submit it to the General Council for adoption, through the Council on Trade in Goods.

1.4 The representative of the Philippines stated that, in adopting this Report of the Working Party, she wished that the following statement be included in the records of this meeting: "It is the interpretation of the Philippines that with regard to the word "contracts" in paragraphs 5 and 6 of the Recommendations, it is not the intention that existing contracts with preshipment entities need to be renegotiated and that all contracts are prospective in nature".