

SUBJECT: WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION - PREPARATORY COMMITTEE
 - SUB-COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND ENVIRONMENT

1. THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND ENVIRONMENT WILL HOLD ITS NEXT MEETING ON 15 AND 16 SEPTEMBER 1994 BEGINNING AT 10 A.M. IN THE COUNCIL ROOM AT THE CENTRE WILLIAM RAPPARD.

2. THE SUB-COMMITTEE WILL TAKE UP THE FOLLOWING THIRD ITEM FROM ITS WORK PROGRAMME:

- THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE PROVISIONS OF THE MULTILATERAL TRADING SYSTEM AND:

- (A) CHARGES AND TAXES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PURPOSES
- (B) REQUIREMENTS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PURPOSES RELATING TO PRODUCTS, INCLUDING STANDARDS AND TECHNICAL REGULATIONS, PACKAGING, LABELLING AND RECYCLING.

3. AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING SOME DELEGATIONS INDICATED THEIR INTENTION TO ADDRESS MEASURES SUCH AS PACKAGING AND LABELLING REQUIREMENTS; REUSE, RECYCLING AND RECYCLED CONTENT REQUIREMENTS; DISPOSAL REQUIREMENTS; DEPOSIT REFUND SYSTEMS; ENERGY TAXES AND OTHER INTERNAL TAXES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PURPOSES; EMISSION CHARGES; TRADEABLE PERMITS; WASTE MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS; AND REQUIREMENTS FOR LIFE CYCLE ANALYSIS.

4. WITH RESPECT TO THE FIRST INDENT "CHARGES AND TAXES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PURPOSES" DELEGATIONS ARE INVITED TO INITIATE DISCUSSION ON THE BASIS OF DOCUMENT TRE/W/20. A SUMMARY OF RELATED DISCUSSIONS FROM THE GROUP ON ENVIRONMENTAL MEASURES AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE IS CONTAINED IN L/7402. OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTATION IS CONTAINED IN TRE/W/3, AND ADD.1 AND ADD.2, TRE/W/4, TRE/W/6, TRE/W/9, TRE/W/11, TRE/W/12, TRE/W/13, TRE/W/15, TRE/W/16/REV.1, AND TRE/W/21.

5. FOLLOWING DISCUSSION AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE, THE CHAIRMAN INVITES DELEGATIONS INDIVIDUALLY, AND ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS, TO SUBMIT TO THE SECRETARIAT FOR COMPILATION, INFORMATION THAT REFLECTS THEIR OWN NATIONAL EXPERIENCES WITH MEASURES THAT ARE COVERED UNDER THIS THIRD ITEM OF THE WORK PROGRAMME.

6. DELEGATIONS WISHING TO ADDRESS OTHER ITEMS OF THE WORK PROGRAMME AT THIS MEETING WILL BE INVITED TO DO SO AFTER DISCUSSION OF THIS ITEM.

7. GOVERNMENTS AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS WITH OBSERVER STATUS WHICH WISH TO BE REPRESENTED AT THIS MEETING ARE INVITED TO INFORM ME OF THE NAMES OF THEIR REPRESENTATIVES.

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