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Negotiating Group on Trade Facilitation

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Held in the Centre William Rappard
from 14 – 18 February 2011

Chairman: H.E. Mr. Eduardo Ernesto Sperisen-Yurt (Guatemala)

1. The Chairman recalled that the agenda for the session had been circulated in WTO/AIR/3691.
2. As Members would have noticed from the airgram and would remember from the discussions in January, the meeting sought to accomplish three main tasks: First, it was set to evaluate the current state-of-play, taking stock of the progress made. It also aimed at harvesting those advances by integrating them into the Draft Consolidated Negotiating Text. Finally, delegations would have the opportunity to discuss the next steps, looking at possible adjustments and considering a work plan for the weeks ahead.
3. The agenda was adopted.
- A. REPORTS BY THE FACILITATORS, CONSIDERATION OF REVISED TEXTS FOR INCLUSION INTO THE DRAFT CONSOLIDATED NEGOTIATING TEXT AND CONSIDERATION OF WORK PLAN FOR THE TIME UNTIL THE NEXT NGTF MEETING
4. This part of the meeting was conducted in informal mode.
5. The Negotiating Group took note of the statements made.
- B. AD HOC ATTENDANCE OF RELEVANT INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING THE IMF, OECD, UNCTAD, WCO AND THE WORLD BANK, AT THE NEXT MEETING OF THE NEGOTIATING GROUP
6. The Chairman suggested inviting relevant international organizations, including the IMF, OECD, UNCTAD, WCO and the World Bank to attend the next formal meeting of the Negotiating Group on an ad hoc basis, as provided for in the Work Plan.
7. It was so agreed.
- C. OTHER BUSINESS
8. The Chairman addressed the issue of the Negotiating Group's next meeting, suggesting to hold it from 4-8 April. Details regarding its content and structure would be communicated to Members in due course.
9. It was so agreed.

10. The Negotiating Group took note of the statements made.
 11. The meeting was adjourned.
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