

Negotiating Group on Trade Facilitation

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Held in the Centre William Rappard
from 8-12 October 2012

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

1. The Chairman recalled that the proposed agenda for the meeting had been circulated in WTO/AIR/4006. As mentioned in the airgram, the meeting aimed at accomplishing multiple tasks. The first was to evaluate the current state-of-play, taking stock of the recent progress made. It further sought to integrate those advances into an updated version of the Draft Consolidated Negotiating Text. Members would also have an opportunity to look at the post-October phase of the negotiations and to discuss the next steps.
2. The agenda was adopted.
- A. REPORTS BY FACILITATORS, CONSIDERATION OF NEW/REVISED TEXTS FOR INCLUSION INTO THE DRAFT CONSOLIDATED NEGOTIATING TEXT, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND REVIEW OF NEXT STEPS
3. This part of the meeting was conducted in informal mode.
4. 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
5. 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.
6. It was so agreed.
- C. OTHER BUSINESS
7. The Chairman addressed the dates for the Negotiating Group's next meeting. Following consultations with the Secretariat on available facilities, he proposed for that session to take place from 3-7 December. This would give delegations enough time to engage in an additional round of facilitated and other Member-driven meetings before meeting in NGTF mode. Details on objective and structure of the session would be communicated in due course.
8. It was so agreed.

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