

Negotiating Group on Trade Facilitation

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Held in the Centre William Rappard
from 4 – 8 April 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/3726.
2. As set out in the airgram, the meeting sought to accomplish two main tasks: First, it was set to evaluate the current state-of-play, taking stock of phase II of the facilitator process. It further aimed at harvesting the concrete advances made by integrating them into the Draft Consolidated Negotiating Text.
3. The agenda was adopted.
- A. REPORTS BY THE FACILITATORS AND CONSIDERATION OF REVISED TEXTS FOR INCLUSION INTO THE DRAFT CONSOLIDATED NEGOTIATING TEXT
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 and suggested to hold it from 6-10 June. 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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