

30 APRIL 1999

SUBJECT:    ACCESSION OF CHINESE TAIPEI

1.    THE WORKING PARTY ON THE ACCESSION OF CHINESE TAIPEI TO THE WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION (WTO) WILL MEET ON WEDNESDAY, 12 MAY 1999 AT 10 A.M. IN THE CENTRE WILLIAM RAPPARD, 154 RUE DE LAUSANNE, GENEVA.

2.    THE WORKING PARTY WILL CARRY OUT THE FOLLOWING TASKS:

(i)   REVIEW THE STATE OF PLAY IN THE MARKET ACCESS NEGOTIATIONS ON GOODS AND SERVICES. THE LATEST SERVICES OFFER IS REPRODUCED IN DOCUMENT WT/ACC/SPEC/TPKM/3/REV.2 AND ADD.1;

(ii)  EXAMINE THE REVISED DRAFT REPORT OF THE WORKING PARTY AND THE PROTOCOL OF ACCESSION CIRCULATED IN DOCUMENT WT/ACC/SPEC/TPKM/2/REV.1, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE FOREIGN TRADE REGIME ON THE BASIS OF THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTATION:

- THE INFORMATION CONCERNING DOMESTIC SUPPORT AND EXPORT SUBSIDIES CIRCULATED IN DOCUMENT WT/ACC/SPEC/TPKM/4/REV.2 AND CORR.1 AND THE ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS AND REPLIES CIRCULATED IN DOCUMENT WT/ACC/TPKM/14, CORR.1 AND ADD.1;
- THE INFORMATION ON THE PROPOSED TARIFF QUOTA REGIME, THE PROPOSED RICE QUOTA REGIME AND THE SPECIAL SAFEGUARD CIRCULATED IN DOCUMENTS WT/ACC/SPEC/TPKM/5 AND CORR.1 AND THE RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS CIRCULATED IN DOCUMENT WT/ACC/SPEC/TPKM/7 AND CORR.1;
- THE NOTIFICATIONS CONCERNING THE AGREEMENT ON SUBSIDIES AND COUNTERVAILING MEASURES CIRCULATED IN DOCUMENTS WT/ACC/TPKM/8/Rev.1, AND 9/Rev.1 AND THE QUESTIONS AND REPLIES CIRCULATED IN DOCUMENT WT/ACC/SPEC/TPKM/8, CORR.1 AND ADD.1;
- THE COMMUNICATION CONCERNING THE ADOPTION OF CODEX STANDARDS CIRCULATED IN DOCUMENT WT/ACC/TPKM/10 AND THE RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS CIRCULATED IN DOCUMENT WT/ACC/SPEC/TPKM/6 AND CORR.1;
- THE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED BY CHINESE TAIPEI LISTED IN DOCUMENTS WT/ACC/TPKM/7/ADD.1, 11, 12 AND 13.

(iii) CONSIDER THE NEXT STEPS OF THE WORKING PARTY.

3.    MEMBERS OF THE WTO, OTHER GOVERNMENTS WITH OBSERVER STATUS AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS GRANTED OBSERVER STATUS FOR THE WORKING PARTY ON THE ACCESSION OF CHINESE TAIPEI ARE REQUESTED TO INFORM THE SECRETARIAT OF THE NAMES OF THEIR REPRESENTATIVES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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