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**Negotiating Group on the Multilateral Agreement on Investment (MAI)**

**Expert Group No.4 on “Institutional Matters”**

**SUMMARY RECORD**

**Meeting on 18 October 1996**

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#### 1. Adoption of the Agenda

The Group adopted the Agenda [DAFFE/MAI/EG4/A(96)1]

#### 2. Implementation and Operation of the MAI

The Expert Group:

- Considered the Chairman's Note [DAFFE/MAI/EG4(96)1]
- Noted the comments from delegations and the written contribution by one delegation [DAFFE/MAI/EG4/RD(96)1]
- Decided to consider, at its next meeting, draft text, with options where appropriate, on preparation for ratification and entry into force (Preparatory or Interim Group), ratification and entry into force, and operation of the MAI (Parties Group), based on a Note by the Chairman and contributions from Member countries

#### 3. Accession of non-Members

The Expert Group:

- Considered the Chairman's Note [DAFFE/MAI/EG4(96)2] and noted the comments from delegations
- Decided to consider draft text at its next meeting based on a Note by the Chairman and contributions from Member countries

#### 4. Other Business and Next Steps

In addition to follow-up to items 2 and 3 above, the Expert Group decided to consider, at its next meeting, the relationship of the MAI to the WTO agreements and other international agreements.

The Expert Group is required, under its mandate, to report to the Negotiating Group in December and to make proposals, including proposals for text where appropriate, on implementation and operation of the MAI, accession of non-Members and the relationship of the MAI to the WTO agreements and other international agreements.