



Negotiating Group on the Multilateral Agreement on Investment (MAI)

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Meeting on 14-16 May 1997

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| | Report by DG3 | DAFFE/MAI/DG3(97)8 |
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Notes to the Agenda

Item 3. Contributions from Delegations

Under this item, delegations are invited to raise other relevant issues for consideration by the Negotiating Group. Member countries are encouraged to provide written contributions in time to permit their examination by other Member countries before the meeting of the Negotiating Group.

Item 4. Report to OECD Ministerial Meeting

The Negotiating Group is invited to comment on a draft text of the Report to Ministers which takes account of comments by delegations by written procedure. The Group is invited to approve the Report which will be submitted on the occasion of the OECD Ministerial Meeting on 26-27 May, 1997.

Item 5. Draft Ministerial Declaration

The Negotiating Group is invited to comment on and approve the draft Ministerial Declaration to be considered by Ministers for adoption on the occasion of their meeting on 26-27 May, 1997.

Item 6. Participation of non-Member Countries

The Chairman's note based on the discussion at the Heads of Delegation lunch on 24 April, 1997, will make proposals regarding the non-Members that might be expected to become observers in the Negotiating Group. It will also set out proposals for the creation and operation of a Liaison Group with other non-Members. The Negotiating Group is invited to comment on these proposals.

Item 7. Special Topics

The Negotiating Group is invited to consider the questions set out in the Chairman's note on issues relating to monopolies/state enterprises/concessions. The Negotiating Group will also hear a report on the progress made in the informal consultations held on 14 May.

Item 8. Liberalisation and Lodging of Country Specific Reservations

Delegations are invited to consult bilaterally on their draft lists of reservations. It is suggested that the most appropriate moment for these consultations would be on 13 May when the Negotiating Group is not in session.

Drafting Group 3 has prepared a draft article on the lodging of country specific reservations. The Negotiating Group may wish to review the results of this discussion.

Delegations may wish to continue the debate on liberalisation to clarify remaining questions based on the previous notes by the Chairman and any further questions which delegations may raise.

Item 9. Next Steps/Other Business

In light of the discussions, the Negotiating Group will be invited to consider the agenda for June and September 1997 taking account of the discussion at the Group's meeting in April. A provisional agenda for June was agreed at the meeting in April [DAFFE/MAI/RD(97)31].