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

### **AGENDA**

**Meeting on 30 June-2 July 1997**

## NEGOTIATING GROUP ON THE MAI

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1. **Adoption of the Agenda** DAFFE/MAI/A(97)6
  
2. **Approval of the Summary Record of the meeting held on 14-16 May 1997** DAFFE/MAI/M(97)5
  
3. **Liberalisation and the lodging of country specific reservations**  
  
Note by the Chairman DAFFE/MAI(96)26  
  
For Reference:  
  
Notes by the Chairman DAFFE/MAI(97)11  
DAFFE/MAI(97)14  
Draft Reservations DAFFE/MAI(97)31
  
4. **Contributions from Delegations**
  
5. **DG3 Results and Institutional Matters**  
  
Note by the Chairman DAFFE/MAI(97)27  
  
For Reference:  
  
Consolidated Text and Commentary DAFFE/MAI(97)1/REV2  
  
Report to the Negotiating Group - Draft Texts on Associating the OECD Guidelines with the MAI DAFFE/MAI/IN(97)2
  
6. **General Exceptions**  
  
For Reference:  
  
Note by the Chairman DAFFE/MAI(97)3  
Summary Record DAFFE/MAI/M(97)1

**7. Exceptions to MFN Treatment**

For Reference:

Consolidated Text and Commentary

DAFFE/MAI(97)1/REV2

**8. Reports on Informal Consultations**

**9. Next Steps/Other Business**

## **Notes to the Agenda**

### **Item 3. Liberalisation and the lodging of country specific reservations**

On the basis of the Note by the Chairman , Delegations are invited to assess the preliminary list of country specific reservations in light of the objective of achieving a satisfactory scope and balance of commitments, and to agree on a programme of further work.

In addition, Delegations are invited to consult bilaterally on their draft lists of reservations.

### **Item 4. Contributions from Delegations**

Under this item, delegations are invited to raise other 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 5. DG3 Results and Institutional Matters**

The Note by the Chairman will address issues concerning the treatment of environment and labour issues in the MAI. The Group is invited to consider the questions raised therein.

### **Item 6. General Exceptions**

The Negotiating Group is invited to consider the following issues relating to general exceptions:

- a) the treatment of essential security interests/public order measures and a possible anti-abuse provision;
- b) country proposals relating to the treatment of cultural measures.

### **Item 7. Exceptions to MFN Treatment**

The Negotiating Group is invited to consider the following issues concerning exceptions to MFN:

- a) the treatment of measures taken by REIOs;
- b) other exceptions to MFN, including reciprocity measures.

### **Item 8. Report on Informal Consultations**

Informal consultations on financial services matters were held on 9-10 June. Informal consultations will take place on Intellectual Property (1-2 July) and on Special Topics (2 July). The Negotiating Group will hear reports on the results of these discussions.

**Item 9. Next Steps/Other Business**

In light of the discussions, the Negotiating Group will be invited to consider the agendas for September and October 1997 taking account of the discussion at the Group's meeting in June. A provisional agenda for September was agreed at the meeting in May DAFPE/MAI/RD(97)34].