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

### **AGENDA**

#### **Meeting on 18-19 September 1997**

**NEGOTIATING GROUP ON THE MAI**

**DRAFT AGENDA**

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1. **Adoption of the Agenda** DAFFE/MAI/A(97)7
  
2. **Approval of the Summary Record of the meeting held on 30 June - 2 July 1997** DAFFE/MAI/M(97)6
  
3. **Contributions from Delegations**
  
4. **Taxation**  
For Reference:  
Report to the Negotiating Group DAFFE/MAI/EG2(97)1
  
5. **Dispute Settlement**  
For Reference:  
Consolidated Text and Commentary DAFFE/MAI(97)1/REV2
  
6. **OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises**  
For Reference:  
Report to the Negotiating Group DAFFE/MAI/IN(97)2
  
7. **Reports on DG3 Results and Informal Consultations**  
For Reference:  
Reports to the Negotiating Group DAFFE/MAI/DG3(97)8  
DAFFE/MAI/DG3(97)10

**8. Liberalisation and the lodging of country specific reservations**

Note by the Chairman

DAFFE/MAI(97)29

For Reference:

Notes by the Chairman

DAFFE/MAI(97)11

DAFFE/MAI(97)14

Draft Reservations

DAFFE/MAI/RES(97)31

**9. Next Steps/Other Business**

## **Notes to the Agenda**

### **Item 3 Contributions from Delegations**

Under this item, delegations are invited to submit proposals 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 Taxation**

The Negotiating Group will hear a report on the results of the informal consultations on taxation which will take place on 15-16 September under the chairmanship of Mr. Suganuma. In light of this report, the Negotiating Group may wish to consider possible solutions to outstanding taxation issues.

### **Item 5 Dispute Settlement**

The Negotiating Group's discussion will take account of informal consultations on dispute settlement matters on 16 September under the chairmanship of Mr. Baldi. A report will be made to the Negotiating Group on outstanding questions and other dispute settlement issues.

### **Item 6 OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises**

The Negotiating Group is invited to consider solutions to the outstanding issues relating to the association of the Guidelines with the MAI which were identified in the report on institutional matters [DAFFE/MAI/IN(97)2].

### **Item 7 Reports on DG3 Results and Informal Consultations**

The Negotiating Group invited DG3 to continue working on country specific reservations in particular, and to report back to it in September. The Negotiating Group will examine the results of this discussion which will take place on 15-16 September. It will also hear a report on the status of the informal consultations on special topics (15-16 September).

### **Item 8 Liberalisation and the Lodging of Country Specific Reservations**

At the Negotiating Group's meeting on 30 June-2 July, 1997, the Chairman requested delegations to begin preparing revised lists of country specific reservations which should be submitted after the September meeting [DAFFE/MAI/M(97)6]. The Note by the Chairman takes account of the comments provided by delegations to the Secretariat note on the Guidelines for the Lodging of Country Specific Reservations [DAFFE/MAI(97)28]. Delegations may wish to comment whether these Guidelines are a helpful basis for the revision of country specific reservations.

Delegations are invited to comment on the proposal by one delegation for a clause on the relation between the MAI and the GATS circulated at the last Negotiating Group meeting [DAFFE/MAI/DG3/RD(97)11].

**Item 9 Next Steps/Other Business**

The Negotiating Group will be invited to consider the agendas for October and December 1997 taking account of the discussion at the Group's meeting in September. A provisional agenda for October was agreed at the meeting in June-July [DAFFE/MAI/RD(97)38].