



Negotiating Group on the Multilateral Agreement on Investment (MAI)

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Meeting on 20-21 October 1998

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¹ The Luncheon for Heads of Delegation will take place on 20 October. Topics for discussion are: Non-members; Perspectives for the negotiations.

* For technical reasons, this document will not be available on OLIS. Paper copies will be distributed in the meeting room.

Annotations to the Agenda

The Summary Record of the Negotiating Group meeting on 14-16 April 1998 [DAFFE/MAI/M(98)4] was approved under written procedure.

Item 4. Activities during the six month consultation and evaluation period

Based on information received from individual Member countries, the Secretariat will provide an overview paper concerning the main activities during the consultation and evaluation period. The original contributions will be distributed as a Room Document. Member countries will be invited to give further details.

In addition, the Secretariat will make available a preliminary version of its study on the implications of the MAI for developing countries, titled "MAI and economic development"[DAFFE/MAI(98)19].

Item 5. Overview of the Agreement and perspectives for the MAI negotiations

In the light of the results of the consultation and evaluation period, Member countries are invited to comment on the perspectives for the conclusion of the negotiations. Member countries are invited to indicate whether they have new proposals to make with regard the main outstanding issues, and the REIO clause.

Item 6. Next Steps/Other Business

A decision needs to be taken on the timetable and the agenda of future meetings, including the Expert Group on Exceptions.