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

### **AGENDA**

**Meeting on 14-16 January 1998**

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1. **Adoption of the Agenda** DAFFE/MAI/A(98)1
  
2. **Approval of the Summary Record of the meeting held on 3-5 December** DAFFE/MAI/M(97)9
  
3. **Contributions from Delegations**
  
4. **Progress in DG3 and Informal Consultations**
  
5. **Financial Matters**
  
6. **Labour and Environment Matters**
  - a. Reports by Delegations
  - b. Multilateral Environment Agreements (Note by the Secretariat) DAFFE/MAI(98)1
  
- For Reference:  
Conclusions on Labour and Environment DAFFE/MAI/RD(97)51
  
7. **Conflicting Requirements and Related Matters**
  
8. **Contributions from Observers**
  
9. **Next Steps/Other Business**

## **Annotations 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 Progress in DG3 and Informal Consultations**

Reports will be made on informal consultations on Concessions (12 January), Special Topics (12-13 January), Intellectual Property (13-14 January) and Institutional Matters (15 January). DG3 will meet on 15 January and will continue its work on 19-20 January.

### **Item 5 Financial Services**

The Negotiating Group should take stock of the outcome of the Financial Services negotiations in Geneva and provide guidance on the treatment of financial matters in the MAI. The Negotiating Group will also need to decide how to complete the work on public debt, the safeguards clause, an exception for transactions in pursuit of monetary and exchange rate policies, dispute settlement.

### **Item 6 Labour and Environment Matters**

- a. Delegations are invited to report, orally or in writing, on the results of country examinations of the implications of the MAI for the capacity to make and implement environmental law and policy.
- b. The Negotiating Group should consider the Note by the Secretariat on the relationship of the MAI with multilateral agreements on the environment.
- c. The Negotiating Group should consider any new proposals and provide any necessary guidance to DG3.

### **Item 7 Conflicting Requirements and Related Matters**

The Negotiating Group may wish to review the status of informal consultations and consider how to deal with this issue in the MAI.

**Item 8 Contributions from Observers**

Under this item, observers may submit written proposals or comment on issues being considered by the Negotiating Group. Written contributions should be received in time to permit examination by Member countries before the meeting of the Negotiating Group.

**Item 9 Next Steps/Other Business**

The Negotiating Group will be invited to consider the agendas for February and March 1998 taking account of the discussion at the Group's meeting in January. A provisional agenda for February was agreed at the meeting in December [DAFFE/MAI/RD(97)61].