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

### **AGENDA**

**Meeting on 26-28 February 1997**

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1. **Adoption of the Agenda** DAFFE/MAI/A(97)2
2. **Approval of the Summary Record of meeting held on 29-31 January 1997** DAFFE/MAI/M(97)1
3. **Report by Drafting Group 3** DAFFE/MAI/DG3(97)4  
For Reference:
  - Consolidated Texts and commentary DAFFE/MAI(97)1
  - Chairman's Conclusions DAFFE/MAI(97)2
  - Definitions of Investor/Investment DAFFE/MAI(97)7
4. **Selected Issues on:**
  - a. Special Topics
  - b. Institutional Matters
  - c. Dispute Settlement
5. **Liberalisation and Lodging of Country Specific Reservations**
  - Draft Reservations by Member countries DAFFE/MAI/RES(97)1-30<sup>1</sup>For Reference:
  - Letter by the Chairman DAFFE/MAI/RD(97)1
6. **Subnational Measures**
  - Contributions from Member countriesFor Reference:
  - Note by the Chairman DAFFE/MAI(96)11
7. **Other Issues**
  - Contributions from Member countries
8. **Next Steps/Other Business**

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<sup>1</sup> Draft reservations by Member countries can be found in the new series "DAFFE/MAI/RES(97)..". The submissions are numbered according to the order in which they are received at the Secretariat.

## Notes to the agenda

### **Item 3. Report by Drafting Group 3**

Drafting Group 3 will report on the outcome of its meeting on 24-25 February, particularly as concerns its discussion on intellectual property, the preamble to the MAI, and a provision which calls for MAI countries not to lower standards in order to attract investment. The Group might also report on progress made in informal discussions on definitional questions or other matters.

### **Item 4. Selected issues on:**

#### a. Special Topics

Informal discussions will be held on 24-25 February to advance some of the outstanding issues. The Chairman expects to conclude on key personnel, performance requirements and privatisation.

#### b. Institutional Matters

The manner of associating the OECD Guidelines to the MAI will have to be addressed by the Negotiating Group.

#### c. Dispute Settlement

Informal discussions will be held on 24-25 February to advance on some of the outstanding issues.

### **Item 5. Liberalisation and Lodging of Country Specific Reservations**

The Negotiating Group will have a first exchange of views on country specific reservations which were requested for 3 February, 1997. Time will be made available on 26 February for informal consultations among delegations on liberalisation matters. The Negotiating Group will determine how to proceed further regarding liberalisation and the lodging of country specific reservations.

### **Item 6. Subnational Measures**

Delegates are invited to inform the Negotiating Group of consultations undertaken with states or provinces on the progress of the MAI negotiations and on the commitments that all Member countries are expected to make in the MAI. Delegates may wish to further elaborate on the issues raised in the 10 April 1996 Chairman's note DAFFE/MAI(96)11.

**Item 7. Other Issues**

This item will cover issues which Member countries may wish to raise 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 8. Next Steps/Other Business**

In light of the discussions, the Negotiating Group will be invited to consider the agendas for March and April 1997 and the conduct of negotiations on remaining issues.

A provisional agenda for March and the schedule of proposed dates for future meetings were agreed at the meeting in January [DAFFE/MAI/RD(97)5].