



Negotiating Group on the Multilateral Agreement on Investment (MAI)

AGENDA

Meeting on 22-25 April 1997

NEGOTIATING GROUP ON THE MAI

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1. **Adoption of the Agenda** DAF FE/MAI/A(97)4

2. **Approval of the Summary Record of the meeting held on 24-27 March 1997** DAF FE/MAI/M(97)3

3. **Taxation Matters**
 - Note by the Chairman DAF FE/MAI(97)16
 - For Reference:
 - Report to the Negotiating Group DAF FE/MAI/EG2(97)1

4. **Financial Services Matters**
 - Note by the Chairman DAF FE/MAI(97)15
 - For Reference:
 - Report to the Negotiating Group DAF FE/MAI/EG5(97)4/REV1
 - Results of the Informal Consultations DAF FE/MAI/FS(97)1

5. **Special Topics**
 - Note by the Chairman DAF FE/MAI(97)17
 - For Reference:
 - Report to the Negotiating Group DAF FE/MAI/ST(97)9
 - Results of the Informal Consultations DAF FE/MAI/ST(97)11

6. Liberalisation and Lodging of Country Specific Reservations

For Reference:

Notes by the Chairman

DAFFE/MAI(97)11
DAFFE/MAI(97)14

Draft Reservations

DAFFE/MAI/RES(97)31

7. Selected Issues on Institutional Matters

For Reference:

Report to the Negotiating Group
Results of Informal Consultations

DAFFE/MAI/IN(97)3
DAFFE/MAI/IN(97)4

8. Other Issues

-- Contributions from Member countries

9. Next Steps/Other Business

Notes to the Agenda

Item 3. Taxation Matters

The Expert Group on Taxation met on 19-21 March and submitted a report on the treatment of tax matters in the MAI to the Negotiating Group. The Note by the Chairman raises questions for consideration by the Negotiating Group. Delegations are invited to take decisions and provide guidance for dealing with some outstanding issues.

Item 4. Financial Services Matters

The Expert Group on Financial Services reported to the Negotiating Group on the outcome of its work on financial services issues and on other matters relating thereto. The Note by the Chairman raises questions for consideration by the Negotiating Group. Delegations are invited to take decisions and provide guidance for dealing with some outstanding issues, taking account of further results from the informal consultations on financial matters on 14-15 April.

Item 5. Special Topics

At the last meeting of the Negotiating Group, the Chairman circulated a Note which set out some questions and proposals for advancing the outstanding issues concerning Key Personnel, Performance Requirements, Privatisation, and Investment Incentives. The Negotiating Group is invited to comment on the proposals set out in that Note and to take account of the results of informal consultations on Special Topics (21 April), particularly on monopolies.

Item 6. Selected Issues on Institutional Matters

Informal consultations will have taken place on Institutional Matters on 21 April. The co-ordinator of these informal consultations may wish to report on the outcome of these discussions.

Item 7. Liberalisation and Lodging of Country Specific Reservations

At the last Negotiating Group meeting, a number of delegations raised questions regarding the lodging of country specific reservations. Countries were invited to send in further questions to the Secretariat. Drafting Group 3 is meeting to examine a draft article on the lodging of country specific reservations. Delegations may wish to continue the debate on liberalisation to clarify remaining questions.

Delegations are invited to consult bilaterally with regard to their draft lists of reservations.

Item 8. Other Issues

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 9. Next Steps/Other Business

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

A provisional agenda for May was agreed at the meeting in March [DAFFE/MAI/RD(97)23].