



Negotiating Group on the Multilateral Agreement on Investment (MAI)

AGENDA

Meeting on 29-30 October 1997

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1. **Adoption of the Agenda** DAFFE/MAI/A(97)8
2. **Approval of the Summary Record of the meeting held on 18-19 September** DAFFE/MAI/M(97)7
3. **Contributions from Delegations**
4. **Labour and Environment**
 - Note by the Chairman DAFFE/MAI(97)30
 - For Reference:
 - Environmental Review of the MAI DAFFE/MAI/RD(97)43
5. **Conflicting Requirements and Related Matters**
 - For Reference:
 - Consolidated Text and Commentary DAFFE/MAI(97)1/REV2
6. **Progress on Informal Consultations**
7. **Exceptions, Derogations, and Reservations**
 - Note by the Chairman DAFFE/MAI(97)31
 - For Reference:
 - Guidelines for the Lodging of Country Specific Reservations (Note by the Chairman) DAFFE/MAI(97)29
 - Exceptions and Safeguards (Proposal for Discussion) DAFFE/MAI/RD(97)41
 - Consolidated Text and Commentary DAFFE/MAI(97)1/REV2
8. **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 Labour and Environment

On the basis of a note by the Chairman, and taking account of the meeting with the NGOs to be held on 27 October, the Negotiating Group should consider how to proceed with the examination of labour and environment matters in the MAI.

Item 5. Conflicting Requirements and Related Matters

The Negotiating Group last discussed the issues of conflicting requirements and related matters at its meeting in January 1997 [DAFFE/MAI/M(97)1]. The Group may wish to review the status of bilateral discussions or other consultations before considering how to deal with this matter further in the MAI.

Item 6 Progress on Informal Consultations

The Negotiating Group is invited to review the progress made in the informal consultations on Intellectual Property (28-29 October), Special Topics (29 October and 30 October pm), and Concessions (30 October am), and to provide guidance for further work where possible.

Consultations on Dispute Settlement will be held on 31 October 1997 and Drafting Group 3 will meet on 3-4 November. Reports on these meetings will be made to the next meeting of the Negotiating Group.

Item 7 Exceptions, Derogations, and Reservations

The Negotiating Group is invited to consider, on the basis of a Note by the Chair, what rules, mechanisms, or procedures should apply to exceptions, derogations and reservations in order to ensure a satisfactory overall balance of commitments in the MAI.

Delegations are reminded to send their revised list of country specific reservations by 17 October.

Item 8. Next Steps/Other Business

The Negotiating Group will be invited to consider the agendas for December 1997 and January 1998 taking account of the discussion at the Group's meeting in October. A provisional agenda for December was agreed at the meeting in September [DAFFE/MAI/RD(97)47].

Annex

Schedule of meetings for DG3 and Informal Consultations

27 October

Informal Consultations with Non-Governmental Organisations

Informal Consultations - Special Topics

28 October

Bilateral Consultations

Informal Consultations - Intellectual Property

Informal Consultations - “De facto” Discrimination

29 October

Informal Consultations - Intellectual Property

Informal Consultations - Concessions (morning only)

Informal Consultations - Special Topics (afternoon only)

31 October

Informal Consultations - Dispute Settlement

3-4 November

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