



Negotiating Group on the Multilateral Agreement on Investment (MAI)

AGENDA

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1. **Adoption of the Agenda** DAFFE/MAI/A(98)3

2. **Approval of the Summary Record
of the meeting held on 14-16 January** DAFFE/MAI/M(98)1

3. **Contributions from Delegations**

4. **Contributions from Observers**

5. **Labour and Environment Matters**

-- Reports by Delegations

For Reference:

Conclusions on Labour and Environment DAFFE/MAI/RD(97)51

6. **Dispute Settlement**

7. **Progress in DG3 and Informal Consultations**

8. **Next Steps/Other Business**

Annotations to the Agenda

Item 3. Contributions from Delegations

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 Contributions from Observers

Observers may submit written proposals or may 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 5 Labour and Environment Matters

Delegations are expected to report to the Negotiating Group on their review of the environmental impact of the MAI, as agreed in October 1997. Written submissions would be welcome and would facilitate further discussion.

The Negotiating Group is invited to decide on any further action in this field in light of the results of the discussion of environment and labour matters at the High Level Meeting based on the note by the Chairman DAFPE/MAI(98)5.

Item 6. Dispute Settlement

The dispute settlement mechanism in the MAI will be considered by the High Level meeting in the context of its discussion of the Chairman's note on the Main Features of the MAI [DAFFE/MAI(98)4]. Delegations are invited to take account of this discussion and to consider other outstanding questions and specific proposals by delegations. Mr. Baldi has been invited to hold informal consultations to help prepare the discussion in the Negotiating Group.

Item 7 Progress in DG3 and Informal Consultations

Reports will be made on informal consultations on Financial Matters (11 pm-13 February), and on Intellectual property (17-18 February).

DG3 will meet on 20 February. Informal consultations will continue on Institutional Matters (20 February) and Special Topics (23-24 February).

The Negotiating Group will also be informed on informal consultations on a possible non-derogation clause in the MAI.

The Negotiating Group needs to decide on whether further consultations are needed on Dispute Settlement (23 pm -25 am February) and Country Specific Exceptions (25-27 February).

Item 8 Next Steps/Other Business

The Negotiating Group will be invited to consider the agendas for March and April 1998 taking account of the discussion at the Group's meeting in February. A provisional agenda for March was agreed at the meeting in January [DAFFE/MAI/RD(98)9].