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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE INFORMAL GROUP OF LESS-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES HELD ON 19 SEPTEMBER 1966

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1. The forty-sixth in a series of regular weekly meetings of the informal group of less-developed countries was held on 19 September 1966, under the Chairmanship of H.E. Dr. José Antonio Encinas del Pando, Ambassador of Peru. The meeting was attended by the representatives of Brazil, Chile, India, Indonesia, Israel, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Trinidad and Tobago, United Arab Republic and Yugoslavia.
2. The Chairman recalled that, in accordance with the group's earlier decision, the date in paragraph 5 of the procedures (1 September) for the exchange of requests lists had been changed to 15 October 1966. It had further been agreed that the question of setting the most appropriate dates (set out in paragraphs 8, 9 and 10 of the procedures) for the meeting of the governmental experts, for the meeting of the Committee on Negotiations Among Less-Developed Countries and for the submission of lists of offers would be taken up at the present meeting of the group.
3. After a discussion, it was agreed that the date appearing in paragraph 8 of the procedures (17 October) for the meeting of governmental experts should tentatively be changed to 31 October 1966. Several representatives, in supporting the adoption of this date, indicated that their governments would arrange to send experts to attend this meeting.
4. In view of the very short time available and owing to other engagements of certain delegations elsewhere, the group did not enter into a discussion of the other dates in the time schedule for the negotiations. This matter would be taken up at the next meeting of the group.
5. The group noted that, as indicated in paragraph 1 of the procedures, it was open to each less-developed country to decide whether to participate in the negotiations. It was agreed that any individual contracting party wishing to propose changes to the procedures for the negotiations in order to make it possible for it to participate, or wishing to make comments or observations on the procedures, should submit them in writing as soon as possible so that they might be discussed at the next meeting of the group.

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6. The group was also informed that the Chairman, in his note of 20 September, had already indicated the manner in which the requests lists should be exchanged between negotiating partners. The Chairman's note is appended to this document.
7. The group agreed to hold its next meeting on Wednesday, 5 October 1966 at 9.30 a.m. in the Palais des Nations.

APPENDIX

The Chairman of the informal group of less-developed countries in GATT has the honour to refer to his previous note, of 14 September, advising that the informal group, at its meeting on 7 September 1966, had agreed that the date for the exchange of requests lists for the trade negotiations among less-developed countries should be changed to 15 October 1966. Developing countries wishing to participate in these negotiations were requested to submit their requests lists by that date.

In accordance with the usual practice in GATT, such requests lists should be transmitted directly by each participating country to the delegations of the respective countries from which a concession or concessions are requested. Fifty copies of each requests list should be sent, simultaneously, to the GATT secretariat for distribution to the other less-developed countries participating in these negotiations. For convenience of handling, all requests lists should be made out in similar form and on paper of uniform size. A model is attached.

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The Chairman takes this opportunity to remind the participating countries that, in accordance with paragraph 7 of the "Suggested Procedures" for the negotiations, they are required to furnish the GATT secretariat with two copies of their current customs tariffs and their trade statistics for two recent years or such relevant tariff and statistical data as may be available for consultation by the interested countries at the secretariat.

ANNEX: FORM OF A REQUEST LIST

TRADE NEGOTIATIONS AMONG LESS-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES
1966-1967

Tariff concessions requested by (country) from (country)

Tariff item number	Description of product	Present rate of duty ¹	Requested rate of duty	Nature of concession requested ²

¹If a non-tariff measure is the object of a request, specify in this column the nature of the measure. If existing preferences are involved, specify the rate (most favoured nation or preferential) to be reduced.

²Indicate whether the requested concession is for application on a most-favoured-nation basis or on a preferential basis to **less-developed** countries only.