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Preferential Arrangements
Among Developing Countries
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COMMITTEE OF PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES

Summary of Discussions at Twenty-Fifth Meeting
Held on 2 November 1979

Prepared by the Secretariat

1. The Committee of Participating Countries provided for in the Protocol Relating to Trade Negotiations Among Developing Countries held its twenty-fifth meeting on 2 November 1979 under the Chairmanship of Mr. S. Delgado (Mexico).
2. The draft agenda for the meeting circulated in document CPC/W/73 was adopted.

Expansion of Trade Among Developing Countries

3. The Committee took note that ad hoc consultations had been held on 25/26 October 1979 aimed at exploring how progress might be made with respect to the expansion of trade among developing countries on a global basis through a round of trade negotiations.¹ One member, in referring to recent developments, reiterated his government's interest in and support for the activities of the Committee with respect to this matter.

Annual Report

4. The Chairman recalled that in accordance with regular practice, the Committee was required to submit to the CONTRACTING PARTIES its annual report on the operation of the Protocol. The draft Sixth Annual Report and the statistical data so far provided had been circulated as document CPC/W/72/Rev.1 and Addenda. In approving the report², the Committee requested the secretariat to update the statistical data in the light of more recent information supplied by participating countries and issued as addenda to the main document.

¹The Chairman's Closing Statement at the ad hoc consultations has been circulated as Spec(79)28. A note on the proceedings will be issued as Spec(79)

²Issued as L/4355 and Addenda.

Derestriction of documents

5. On the basis of the guidelines for derestriction of documents contained in document CPC/W/60, Annex 2, paragraph 3, which provided that derestrictions be considered biannually, the Committee agreed that documents in the CPC/ and CPC/W/ series listed in CPC/W/74 be derestricted.

Certification of origin

6. With regard to certain information on rules and certification of origin supplied by the delegation of Bangladesh in conformity with paragraph 1(iii) of its Protocol of Accession, the Committee took note that the details circulated as CPC/10/Add.12 would enable participating countries to take the necessary action to apply the concessions contained in the Protocol to products originating in Bangladesh.

Next meeting

7. The Chairman said that in accordance with usual procedures, the date of the next regular quarterly meeting of the Committee would be fixed by the Chairman in consultation with members of the Committee and the secretariat.