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Preferential Arrangements Among Developing Countries Negotiated in GATT

COMMITTEE OF PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES

Reporting Procedures

Note by the Secretariat

1. In document CPC/W/6, the secretariat had outlined details regarding reporting procedures in respect of the first annual report which was submitted to the CONTRACTING PARTIES by the countries participating in the Protocol Relating to Trade Negotiations Among Developing Countries. To facilitate the preparation of the second annual report, the secretariat has again summarized in the following paragraphs the main points relevant to reporting procedures.
2. The Decision¹ of November 1971 permitting the introduction of tariff preferences among developing countries provides, inter alia, that

"the CONTRACTING PARTIES will review annually, on the basis of a report to be furnished by the participating countries, the operation of this Decision in the light of the aforementioned objectives and considerations".
3. The objectives and considerations may be summarized as follows:
 - (i) Participating countries are permitted to accord preferences to one another to facilitate trade between them, provided barriers to trade of other contracting parties are not raised.
 - (ii) Participating countries will keep under review the possibility of promoting negotiations for additions or enlargements to the schedules of concessions.
 - (iii) Participating countries have undertaken to facilitate the accession of all developing countries on terms consistent with their individual development, financial and trade needs.

¹BISD, Eighteenth Supplement, pages 26-28.

(iv) Any modifications to the concessions shall be notified to the CONTRACTING PARTIES.

(v) Where any benefit accruing to any contracting party under the General Agreement may be or is impaired, participating countries shall afford adequate opportunity for consultation.

(vi) Should any such consultations prove unsatisfactory, the matter may be brought before the CONTRACTING PARTIES for examination and recommendation.

4. As in the case of reporting procedures for other arrangements subject to a waiver from the provisions of Article I of the General Agreement, the report on this arrangement should also be based on a statistical presentation. A draft pro forma to be completed by each participating country is attached for consideration.

5. The first annual report of the Committee of Participating Countries to the CONTRACTING PARTIES (L/4091 and Addenda), contained statistical data concerning trade in the items appearing in the schedules of concessions annexed to the Protocol during the period 1972-1973 as well as a description of the main developments relevant to the operation of the Protocol.

6. At their thirtieth session, the CONTRACTING PARTIES in taking note of the report endorsed the proposal by the Council¹ that, in future, annual reports presented to the CONTRACTING PARTIES by the Committee of Participating Countries should be first discussed by the Committee on Trade and Development. The next session of the Committee on Trade and Development is expected to be held in accordance with normal practice towards the end of October 1975.

7. In order to allow sufficient time for the preparation and finalization of the report by the Committee of Participating Countries at its September 1975 meeting, participating countries should submit to the secretariat all the necessary data as soon as possible and, in any case, no later than 12 September 1975. For comparative purposes, the tabulations should cover, to the extent possible, the years 1972, 1973 and 1974.

8. Statistical details may be provided using the attached format which was found adequate for the preparation of the first annual report.

¹C/M/101.

9. The information supplied by individual participating countries might be accompanied by a short description of developments related to the application of the Protocol. For convenience, this material might be collated by the secretariat together with relevant information on the "objectives and considerations" summarized in paragraph 3, points (ii) to (vi), above. The report might then be approved by the Committee of Participating Countries for submission by the Chairman of the Committee to meetings of the Committee on Trade and Development and the Council, in advance of the thirty-first session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES.

10. It may be noted that for the following eight countries the Protocol entered into force on 11 February 1973: Brazil, India, Israel, the Republic of Korea, Pakistan, Spain, Turkey and Yugoslavia. The Protocol has also entered into force for five additional participating countries: Tunisia (7 March 1973), Egypt (15 August 1973), Chile (19 May 1974), Mexico (29 August 1974) and Greece (1 November 1974).

Country X
Imports of the Items Included in the List of Concessions of Country X

Tariff item number	Product description	1974 ^{2/}				1975 ^{2/}				1976 ^{2/}			
		Imports from participating countries		Imports from world		Imports from participating countries		Imports from world		Imports from participating countries		Imports from world	
		Total	Main suppliers	Total	Main suppliers	Total	Main suppliers	Total	Main suppliers	Total	Main suppliers	Total	Main suppliers
		3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/

1/ BTN heading and national tariff number. Statistical number may also be added.
2/ Calendar year or fiscal year relevant to the concessions listed in the Protocol for which statistical data are available.
3/ Import value.