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Preferential Arrangements
Among Developing Countries
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COMMITTEE OF PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES

Meeting to be held on 28 April 1978

The Committee of Participating Countries provided for in the Protocol Relating to Trade Negotiations Among Developing Countries will hold its twentieth meeting on 28 April 1978 at 10.30 a.m. in the Centre William Rappard, rue de Lausanne, Geneva. The meeting will also be open to delegations of countries having signed but not yet ratified the Protocol.

The following items have been proposed for inclusion in the agenda for the meeting:

1. Accession of Romania. At its January 1978 meeting, the Committee approved the texts of the Decision and the Protocol for the Accession of Romania (CPC/43) and agreed to put the Decision to a vote by participating countries in accordance with paragraph 4 of the Protocol Relating to Trade Negotiations Among Developing Countries (CPC/44 para. 7). The Decision was adopted by the required two-thirds majority of participating countries on 3 March 1978 (CPC/43/Add.1). On 10 March 1978 the representative of Romania signed, subject to ratification, the Protocol for the Accession of Romania which will enter into force thirty days after the deposit of the Romanian instrument of ratification. As provided in its paragraph 4, the Protocol for the Accession of Romania is open for signature by participating countries.
2. Enlargement of the Protocol. The Committee agreed to revert to matters relating to enlargement (CPC/44, paragraphs 10-13). A secretariat note is being circulated.
3. Five-year review of the arrangement. The Committee agreed to revert to the question of the five-year review of the arrangement at its next meeting having as background a note to be prepared by the secretariat summarizing the main developments since the Protocol entered into

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force and drawing attention to comments or suggestions made by members which could be relevant to the work in hand (CPC/44 para. 14-17). A background note is being circulated.

4. Accession procedures. At its January meeting, the Committee agreed to examine at its next meeting various matters relating to accession procedures under the Protocol on the basis of a background note to be prepared by the secretariat. A background note is being circulated.
5. Ratification of the Protocol.
6. Other business.
7. Rotation of officers (CPC/2).