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COMMITTEE OF PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES

Meeting to be held on 25 July 1978

The Committee of Participating Countries provided for in the Protocol Relating to Trade Negotiations Among Developing Countries will hold its twenty-first meeting on Tuesday, 25 July 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. Enlargement of the Protocol (paragraphs 5-10 of the Summary of Discussion at the last meeting (CPC/45)). A progress report is being circulated by the secretariat.
- 2. Annual Report. (A secretariat note on reporting procedures has been circulated as CPC/W/59.)
- 3. Points for further consideration arising from the five-year review of the Protocol. As indicated in paragraph 13 of CPC/45, some members felt that the following could be taken up at a future meeting of the Committee:
 - (i) possible implementation of concessions on a <u>de facto</u> basis pending completion of ratification procedures;
 - (ii) provisional rules of procedure of the Committee (CPC/2), and the proposal to put such rules on a more permanent basis;
 - (iii) derestriction of CPC documentation; and
 - (iv) modification of the Protocol. It has been noted that proposals made for modification could be taken up at any time.

A secretarist note is being circulated.

- 4. Ratification of the Protocol.
- 5. Other business.