

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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Special Distribution

Preferential Arrangements
Among Developing Countries
Negotiated in GATT

COMMITTEE OF PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES

Meeting to be held on 23 July 1979

The Committee of Participating Countries provided for in the Protocol Relating to Trade Negotiations Among Developing Countries will hold its twenty-fourth meeting on Monday, 23 July 1979, at 3 p.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. Trade Negotiations Among Developing Countries, (paragraphs 3-8 of the Summary of Discussion at the last meeting (CPC/49)). Members of the Committee and representatives from other developing countries have expressed interest in the early launching of a new round of trade negotiations open to all developing countries which would cover tariffs and non-tariff measures. A preliminary note outlining possible objectives, procedures and modalities for a new round of trade negotiations among developing countries has been circulated by the secretariat in CPC/W/68. A summary of the preparatory technical work undertaken so far by the secretariat and some further comments on objectives, modalities and procedures for negotiations are contained in CPC/W/70. The Committee has agreed that such questions as timing and machinery for negotiations and arrangements for opening negotiations to the participation of all interested developing countries or groups of developing countries would be among the matters to be taken up in the Committee.
2. Annual Report. (A secretariat note on reporting procedures has been circulated as CPC/W/69).
3. Rotation of officers (CPC/47).
4. Other business.