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## Preferential Arrangements Among Developing Countries Negotiated in GATT

### COMMITTEE ON PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES

Meeting to be held on 7 July 1980

The Committee of Participating Countries provided for in the Protocol Relating to Trade Negotiations Among Developing Countries will hold its twenty-seventh meeting on Monday, 7 July 1980, at 11 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 Argentina, (paragraphs 3-8 of the Summary of Discussions at the last meeting (CPC/54)). The Committee agreed at its last meeting on procedures for negotiations which were expected to take place between Argentina and interested participating countries in the context of Argentina's application for accession to the Protocol. In addition to making provision in the procedures for consultations, the exchange of information and requests and offers, etc., it was noted that the services of the secretariat would be available to delegations to provide such assistance as may be required with respect to Argentina's accession. Members of the Committee may wish to take the opportunity of the forthcoming meeting for reviewing developments and exchanging views on matters of relevance to this agenda item.
2. Expansion of trade among developing countries, (paragraph 11 of the Summary of Discussions at the last meeting (CPC/54)). At that meeting the Committee took note of the progress report on the continuing technical work being undertaken by the secretariat in connexion with the expansion of trade among developing countries and agreed to revert to this item at its next meeting.
3. Annual Report. A secretariat note on reporting procedures has been circulated as CPC/W/79. Attention is drawn to paragraph 5 of the note which invites delegations to provide the requested data no later than 10 September so as to give sufficient time for the secretariat to prepare a draft of the report for consideration and finalization by CPC at its end of September meeting.
4. Other business