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COMMITTEE OF PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES

Meeting to be Held on 2 November 1981

The Committee of Participating Countries provided for in the Protocol Relating to Trade Negotiations Among Developing Countries will hold its thirty-first meeting on 2 November 1981, at 3.30 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. Accession of Argentina (paragraphs 3-6 of the Summary of Discussions at the last meeting (CPC/60)). The Committee noted, at its last meeting, the intention of interested countries to continue their bilateral contacts with a view to completing the negotiating process relating to Argentina's accession to the Protocol and agreed to revert to this matter at its next meeting in the light of developments which had taken place. Members of the Committee may wish to review developments and exchange views on matters of relevance to this agenda item.
2. Expansion of trade among developing countries (paragraphs 7-10 of the Summary of Discussions at the last meeting (CPC/60)). In his summing up at the last meeting, the Chairman noted the positive interest that continued to be expressed by a number of delegations in exploring possibilities for enlargement of the Protocol. He suggested that every effort should be made to utilize the process of informal contacts among interested participating countries with a view to exchanging information and seeing how work in this area might best be carried forward without undue delay. Members of the Committee might wish to review recent developments in this regard.
3. Annual report. A draft report for approval by the Committee and transmission to the Committee on Trade and Development will be circulated as CPC/W/87 and Addendum 1.
4. Derestriction of documents. In accordance with the procedures adopted on 25 July 1978, a list of documents which would appear to be presently eligible for derestriction, has been circulated as CPC/W/88.
5. Other business