

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

Preferential Arrangements
Among Developing Countries
Negotiated in GATT

COMMITTEE OF PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES

Meeting to be Held on 11 October 1982

The Committee of Participating Countries provided for in the Protocol Relating to Trade Negotiations Among Developing Countries will hold its thirty-third meeting on 11 October 1982, 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 4-7 of the Summary of Discussions at the last meeting (CPC/62)). The Committee took note, at its last meeting, of the current situation with respect to Argentina's application for accession to the Protocol and urged interested participating countries to make every effort to bring the negotiations to a mutually satisfactory conclusion at an early date. Members of the Committee may wish to review developments and exchange views on matters relevant to this agenda item.
2. Expansion of trade among developing countries (paragraphs 8-10 of the Summary of Discussions at the last meeting (CPC/62)). The Chairman welcomed the overall support for the review and improvement of the scope and coverage of the schedules of concessions under the Protocol. The Committee took note of the comments and observations made by members. The Committee authorized the Chairman to carry out consultations with participating countries on possible steps which might be taken to review and update the current schedules of concessions including the establishment of a possible time-table to this effect and the convening of a special meeting of the Committee, if necessary. The Committee agreed to retain this item on its agenda for future meetings. Members of the Committee might wish to review recent developments in this regard.
3. Annual Report On the basis of the statistical information available, a draft report for approval by the Committee and transmission to the Committee on Trade and Development will be circulated as CPC/W/94.
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 will be circulated as CPC/W/95.
5. Participation in CPC meetings. At the last meeting, the Committee took note of the suggestion that non-member developing countries might be invited to follow the activities of the Committee in an observer capacity and decided to revert to this question at its next meeting (CPC/62 paragraphs 12-13).

6. Ministerial Meeting. At the last meeting, the Committee took note of the suggestion that the Ministerial Meeting might be a good occasion to bring to the attention of Ministers from participating countries the arrangements under the Protocol and decided to revert to this question at its next meeting (CPC/62 paragraphs 14-15).

7. Other business