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COMMITTEE OF PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES

Meeting to be Held on 16 March 1983

The Committee of Participating Countries provided for in the Protocol Relating to Trade Negotiations Among Developing Countries will hold its thirty-fourth meeting on 16 March 1983, at 10 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 3-5 of the Summary of Discussions at the last meeting (CPC/63)). 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 6-7 of the Summary of Discussions at the last meeting (CPC/63)). At the last meeting, in connection with the review of the schedules of concession of participating countries, the Committee adopted the text reproduced in paragraph 6 of CPC/63 and agreed to meet to examine the factual material prepared by the secretariat and to exchange information and proposals for updating and improving the scope and coverage of the schedules of participating countries. The factual material prepared by the secretariat has been circulated to participating countries. The Committee also agreed to keep this item on its agenda for future meetings. Members of the Committee which are already in a position to submit requests or specific proposals for updating and improving the scope and coverage of the schedules are invited to notify the secretariat before 16 March.
3. 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 a later meeting (CPC/63, paragraph 11).
4. Rotation of officers (CPC/47)
5. Other business