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Preferential Arrangements Among Developing Countries Negotiated in GATT

COMMITTEE OF PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES

Meeting to be held on 1 May 1985

The Committee of Participating Countries provided for in the Protocol Relating to Trade Negotiations Among Developing Countries will hold its forty-first meeting on 1 May 1985, at 10.30 a.m. in the Centre William Rappard, 154 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. Expansion of trade among developing countries (paragraphs 3 and 4 of the Summary of Discussions at the last meeting (CPC/77)). At the last meeting the Committee took note of a suggestion that without prejudice to activities in other fora, as an initial step aimed at activating and strengthening the Protocol, each participating country decide to liberalize, in the framework of the Protocol, the conditions of access for four or five items originating in other participating countries. The Committee invited members to give serious consideration to the proposal and agreed to revert to this matter at its next meeting. Members of the Committee may wish to exchange views on matters relevant to this agenda item.
2. Annual Report. At the last meeting the Committee took note of the comments and suggestions made. In order to make it possible for the secretariat to revise the preliminary note on the evolution of trade exchanges among participating countries, the Committee invited members who had not yet done so to provide the necessary statistical data as soon as possible. The Committee also agreed to revert to this question at its next meeting (paragraphs 5-11 of the Summary of Discussions (CPC/77)).
3. Rules of Procedure (CPC/47). (Paragraphs 13-15 of the Summary of Discussions at the last meeting (CPC/77)). In the light of comments and proposals by delegations, the Committee agreed that the Chairman should carry out informal consultations and make a proposal, at the next meeting, with regard to the question of amending paragraph 1 of the Rules of Procedure.
4. Other Business