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TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT
AT ITS MEETING ON 5 MARCH

Having regard to the provisions of paragraphs 2(a) and (b) of Article XXXVII and also to points 1, 2 and 3 of its terms of reference, the Committee agreed on the following reporting procedures¹:

- (i) the secretariat shall circulate to the Committee all notifications received from contracting parties under paragraph 2(a) of Article XXXVII as and when these are received;
- (ii) contracting parties should be requested to notify the secretariat of any action taken by them in pursuance of the provisions of paragraphs 1, 3(a), 3(b) and 4 of Article XXXVII;
- (iii) on the basis of the reports so received, and taking into account notable developments in the work of other bodies of the contracting parties as well as any other relevant information available, the secretariat should submit a periodic report summarizing the latest position concerning tariffs or quota restrictions affecting items of interest to less-developed countries as well as any action taken in pursuance of the provisions mentioned in (ii) above;
- (iv) in addition, ad hoc reports on the activities of the Trade Negotiations Committee and other sub-committees dealing with matters of interest to the less-developed countries in the trade negotiations, may be made available to the Committee if this proves necessary, taking into account the security procedure applicable to the trade negotiations;

¹In respect of the final paragraph it was agreed that it would be open to members of the Committee to suggest modifications which might be considered necessary in the light of any subsequent decisions in respect of item (i) of the Committee's agenda COM.TD/W.8

- (v) the periodic reports from the secretariat should include a review of notable developments in GATT and other inter-governmental bodies in matters of interest to the Committee and, in particular, in matters relating to the organization of commodity trade so that the Committee may consider appropriate action. This review may also cover any activities under paragraph 2(e) of Article XXXVIII including activities by the CONTRACTING PARTIES in the field of export promotion and the work of the International Trade Centre.

With a view to keeping under review the developments of world trade, with special reference to the rate of growth of the trade of less-developed countries, the Committee on Trade and Development should also arrange for an annual review of the GATT publication "International Trade".

It may be noted that the reports submitted by contracting parties to the secretariat and those submitted by the secretariat to the Committee on Trade and Development, would relate to the lists of products of interest to less-developed countries approved by Committee III in the past or which may be approved by the Committee on Trade and Development in the future or are otherwise acted upon by agreement.