

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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REPORTING PROCEDURES

Note by the Secretariat

1. In adopting the appropriate reporting procedures, it is necessary for the Committee to take into consideration the provisions of paragraphs 2(a) and (b) of Article XXXVII which provides that, where effect is not being given to the provisions of paragraphs 1(a), (b) and (c) of Article XXXVII, the matter shall be reported to the CONTRACTING PARTIES by any interested contracting party and the CONTRACTING PARTIES shall consult with respect to the matter if requested to do so. The Committee would also need to take into account points 1, 2 and 3 under its terms of reference which require it to keep under review the application of the provisions of Part IV, to arrange for any consultations required and to formulate proposals for furtherance of the provisions of Part IV. In order to perform these functions, the Committee would need to keep itself informed of developments relating to a number of provisions in the new Part IV.
2. Having regard to the above, the secretariat considers that the reporting procedure adopted by the Committee should provide for the following:
 - (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 Tariff 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;

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- (v) the periodic reports from the secretariat should include a review of notable developments in GATT and other bodies in matters relating to the organization of commodity trade so that the Committee may consider appropriate action under paragraph 2(a) of Article XXXVIII; similarly, the secretariat's reports may also review 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 Trade Centre.
3. 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".
4. 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.