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## REVISED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

### Proposed by Certain Developing Countries

The delegations of Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Ivory Coast, Nigeria, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, United Arab Republic and Yugoslavia have proposed that the provisional agenda circulated in COM.TD/W/83 be amended in a way such as to reflect more fully the sense of urgency attached by the CONTRACTING PARTIES to problems of developing countries as stated in paragraph 3 of the Conclusions of the twenty-fifth session. It should include the following items:

#### 1. Arrangements for implementing the Conclusions of the twenty-fifth session

Paragraph 7 of the Conclusions of the twenty-fifth session provides that in order to strengthen the effectiveness of the Committee, the Committee should (a) where appropriate, initiate consultations in respect of tariff and non-tariff barriers, and (b) follow closely the work in progress in other organs of the GATT.

With regard to point (a) the Committee should review the tariff and non-tariff barriers and related problems faced by developing countries and consider any specific proposals regarding the initiation of appropriate consultations, and proposals as to the procedures to be followed.

With regard to point (b) the Committee should, at this meeting, hold an exchange of views on such information as might be presented to it concerning the programme of work in other organs of GATT relating to points of particular interest to developing countries, and to discuss procedures for the formulation of suggestions for transmission to those organs.

In discussing arrangements for the implementation of the Conclusions, the Committee should also cover other relevant points, notably the advance implementation by developed countries of Kennedy Round tariff concessions on additional items of interest to developing countries.

#### 2. Examination of the operation of Part IV

At its last session, in November 1968, the Committee considered a suggestion that a working party should be established to discuss the application of Part IV in order to explore how the objectives set out in Article XXXVI could be implemented in a more systematic and more effective manner. The conclusions reached at the twenty-fifth session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES stated that "the CONTRACTING PARTIES noted that the Committee on Trade and Development intends to carry out a detailed examination of the difficulties encountered in the implementation of Part IV of the

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General Agreement and to recommend measures for securing more effective and systematic implementation, and that for this purpose the Committee would establish appropriate machinery" (L/3155, paragraph 8).

At the meeting the Committee may wish to consider the desirability of setting up a working party to go into this matter and, if it is so decided, to agree on its membership and terms of reference. The Committee might also hold a preliminary discussion on the subject and in the light of this, invite governments to submit information on specific problems and difficulties or to make specific suggestions to serve as a basis for discussion in the working party.

### 3. Work programme of existing sub-groups

In the light of the last report of the Committee and the conclusions of the twenty-fifth session, some of the subsidiary bodies of the Committee on Trade and Development, in addition to the new working party mentioned above, should be convened early in 1969. The Committee agreed last November that the question of residual restrictions affecting the exports of developing countries would be taken up again after the twenty-fifth session. The Committee, at this session, might hold an exchange of views on the subject and give the necessary guidance in regard to the next meeting of the Group on Residual Restrictions and the further organization of work in this field.

The Committee also agreed at its November session that the Group on Adjustment Assistance Measures should be reconvened and that in this context governments should be invited to supply information along the lines suggested in the Committee's report to the twenty-third session. The secretariat has addressed a request to governments for such information and it has been suggested that the Group might meet towards the end of February 1969.