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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Examination of the operation of Part IV

At its fourteenth session the Committee agreed that it would at its fifteenth session enter into a substantive and detailed examination of the operation of Part IV on the basis of material submitted by developed and developing countries (COM.TD/69, paragraph 11). Statements so far received have been circulated in COM.TD/W/97 and addenda. A revision of the checklist of points drawn up by the secretariat from these statements (COM.TD/W/103) will if necessary be issued as COM.TD/W/103/Rev.1 to take account of further notifications. Other relevant documents are COM.TD/W/91, a secretariat note on issues that have arisen in relation to the application of the provisions of Part IV; a secretariat paper (COM.TD/W/101) summarizing a number of statements by governments and a paper circulated at the request of some developing countries (COM.TD/W/101/Add.1).

2. Review of the implementation of Part IV

As in the past, the Committee will, as a basis for its report to the next session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES, review any recent commercial policy action by governments relevant to the provisions of Part IV, developments and trends in international trade of interest to developing countries particularly in the primary commodity field, developments in other GATT bodies and activities in other international organizations having a bearing on trade problems of developing countries. Secretariat notes on these subjects are being circulated. Governments are also invited in GATT/AIR/750 to report on any developments or action relevant to the implementation of Part IV. Notifications by governments will be circulated as and when received.

3. Residual restrictions

The Group on Residual Restrictions will meet from 6 to 7 November 1969 and a report will be made to the Committee.

4. Trade in tropical products

At its fourteenth session the Committee requested that the Agriculture Committee should, at its next meeting take up, as the first item of its agenda, the problems relating to tropical oilseeds and oils in the light of the report of the Chairman of the Special Group, which was circulated in SGTP/14. The Committee will be informed of the results of the discussion in the Agriculture Committee on this matter

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5. Adjustment assistance measures

At its last session the Committee noted the views expressed by members of the Committee regarding the future programme of work that might be pursued in the field of adjustment assistance measures. It had been suggested that it should be possible after further informal consultations, to isolate areas of work involving urgent problems from those which, though important, could be dealt with from a longer term point of view and pursued in the context of the work already carried out in other GATT bodies. The Committee might now wish to consider the future programme of work in this field in the light of any informal consultations which might have taken place since its fourteenth session.

6. Tariff reclassification for liberalization of imports and other tariff problems

In its report to the twenty-fifth session the Committee agreed that the question of tariff reclassification to permit liberalization of imports from developing countries should continue to appear on the agenda of its meetings (BISD, Sixteenth Supplement, page 95). Developed countries may wish to inform the Committee of any recent action taken in this field.

In document COM.TD/W/106 which summarizes activities in other GATT bodies, reference is made to discussions in the group of technical experts on the tariff study. A note on the state of work on the study, particularly in relation to aspects of particular interest to the developing countries, will be circulated.