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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Review of the implementation of Part IV

In accordance with its terms of reference, the Committee will, as a basis for its annual report to the CONTRACTING PARTIES, review recent commercial policy actions by governments relevant to the provisions of Part IV. In this connexion, notifications received in response to GATT/AIR/803 have been issued as COM.TD/W/128 and Addenda. Work undertaken in other bodies of GATT in pursuance of the conclusions of the twenty-sixth session is also relevant.

The Committee will have before it secretariat notes on developments and trends in international trade of interest to developing countries, particularly in the primary commodity field, activities in other international organizations having a bearing on trade problems of developing countries, and developments in other GATT bodies, in particular as regards work on non-tariff barriers.

2. Tariff problems

Basic documentation related to the tariff study has been in the hands of governments for some time. The Committee might wish to discuss the possible analytical approaches that might be developed to the problem of tariff differentials in the light of the information provided in Summary Table 3.

At its fifteenth session the Committee agreed to retain tariff reclassification as an item on its agenda and expressed the hope that developed countries might inform the Committee of any action taken by them.

3. Import restrictions

The Group on Residual Restrictions met on 22-23 October 1970 and a secretariat note on proceedings will be issued shortly.

4. Tropical products

The Special Group on Trade in Tropical Products met in July 1970. The Group focused attention on the question of internal charges and revenue duties, and certain proposals were made by developing countries for further consideration. Barriers to trade in new and improved forms of natural rubber were also examined. A record of proceedings has been issued as SGTP/20.

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5. Adjustment assistance measures

The Expert Group on Adjustment Assistance Measures is scheduled to meet on 30 November and a report will be submitted to the Committee.

6. Other matters

Members of the Committee may wish to suggest further topics for consideration at the session.