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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

The following items are proposed for the agenda of the twenty-seventh session of the Committee on Trade and Development.

1. Review of implementation of Part IV

Details of action taken by governments as recorded in the Group of Three report (L/3871), as well as other information covering the period to September 1973 available to the secretariat, were summarized in document COM.TD/W/204 prepared for the last session of the Committee. Additional information provided by a number of delegations to the October 1973 meeting of the Committee is recorded in paragraphs 11 and 12 of document L/3952. Recent changes in trade policy measures that may be of interest in the context of Part IV have been summarized in document COM.TD/W/210.

Delegations might wish to inform the Committee of actions their governments have taken consistent with Part IV of the General Agraement and towards implementing the recommendations of the Group of Three.

2. Review of developments in international trade

Under this heading the Committee might wish to review recent trends in the trade and payments situation of developing countries with particular reference to developments in the trade of major commodities. A note will be circulated by the secretariat (COM.TD/W/212).

3. Technical assistance

Delegations might offer comments and suggestions as to the further work that could be undertaken to assist developing countries in the context of the negotiations.

At the twenty-sixth session some representatives considered that the Committee could play a rôle in keeping under review the technical assistance needs of developing countries in the light of developments.

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Document COM.TD/94, prepared by the secretariat after the last meeting, provides information on the technical assistance given to developing countries in the preparatory work for the trade negotiations. A note describing certain recent developments in the technical assistance activities of the secretariat and the studies and analyses undertaken within the framework of the discussions in the various Groups of the Trade Negotiations Committee is being circulated as document COM.TD/W/211.

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4. Other natters

Delegations might wish to bring up for discussion any other points relevant to the work of the Committee having regard to the discussion that took place at its last meeting on the contribution that the Committee might make during the next stage of work relating to the Multilateral Trade Negotiations.