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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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

1. Review of implementation of Part IV

Particulars of action by governments in the implementation of Part IV as well as other relevant information covering the period to May 1974 were summarized in document COM.TD/W/210 for the twenty-seventh session of the Committee on Trade and Development. Additional information provided to that session of the Committee, which took place in June, by a number of contracting parties is recorded in paragraphs 5-11 of document COM.TD/95. More recent developments in commercial policy reported by some delegations in response to GATT/AIR/1116 of relevance to Part IV have been summarized in document COM.TD/W/217 and Addenda. In addition, a secretariat note (COM.TD/W/218) provides further details of developments of interest in the context of Part IV.

2. Review of developments in international trade

The Committee might wish to review recent trends in the trade and payments situation of developing countries with particular reference to developments in trade in primary commodities. A note has been circulated by the secretariat (COM.TD/W/215), supplementing and updating the information contained in document COM.TD/W/212 which was examined at the June meeting of the Committee.

3. Technical assistance

At its twenty-sixth session it was generally agreed that the Committee could play a useful rôle in keeping under review the technical assistance needs of developing countries in the light of developments in the negotiations. Accordingly, at its twenty-seventh session, the Committee, basing itself on a secretariat note (COM.TD/W/211), carried out a review of technical assistance thus far provided to developing countries and supported the proposals for further work under the technical assistance programme contained in that document. A note summarizing recent activities by the secretariat in this connexion has been circulated as document COM.TD/W/216.

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4. Proposals for further work

As background, a note outlining the main activities of the Committee on Trade and Development over the past decade is being circulated as document COM.TD/W/219. Delegations may have some comments and suggestions to offer regarding the further work of the Committee in the light of developments.

5. Other matters

Members might wish to bring up for discussion any other points relevant to the work of the Committee.