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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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

1. Review of implementation of Part IV

At its twenty-eighth session held in November 1974, the Committee on Trade and Development carried out its annual review of the implementation of Part IV on the basis of information contained in document COM.TD/W/217 and Addenda and COM.TD/W/218. Additional information provided to that session of the Committee is contained in the Committee's report (L/4110). To provide a basis for a review by the Committee of recent developments in connexion with the implementation of Part IV, and in this context also to take note of developments in the multilateral trade negotiations relating to the interests of developing countries, a summary of points of interest in the commercial policy field, including actions taken by governments, developments in the MFN and developments in other international organizations is being circulated as COM.TD/W/227. Members of the Committee might also wish to comment on the application of Part IV in relation to the objectives it is intended to serve.

2. Review of developments in international trade

In 1974, the Committee carried out a review of the overall situation affecting the trade of developing countries on the basis of secretariat notes COM.TD/W/212 and COM.TD/W/215. The Committee agreed that this review had proved useful and should be pursued at future meetings. In this connexion, a secretariat note reviewing recent trends in the trade and payments situation of developing countries with particular reference to developments in trade in primary commodities is being circulated (COM.TD/W/226).

3. Technical assistance

At its twenty-eighth session, the Committee carried out a review of technical assistance being provided to developing countries in connexion with their preparations for and participation in the multilateral trade negotiations. The Committee endorsed the work being undertaken by the secretariat in the field of technical assistance and

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indicated that it would continue to keep the matter under review and make suggestions in the light of developments in the multilateral trade negotiations. A note summarizing recent activities by the secretariat in this field is being circulated as document COM.TD/W/225.

4. Expansion of trade among developing countries

At their thirtieth session, the CONTRACTING PARTIES endorsed the proposal by the Council that, in future, annual reports presented to the CONTRACTING PARTIES by the Committee of Participating Countries set up under the Protocol Relating to Trade Negotiations Among Developing Countries, should be first discussed by the Committee on Trade and Development. While the next report from the Committee of Participating Countries is due only in autumn this year, the Committee on Trade and Development may consider it opportune to discuss, at its meeting, matters relating to the expansion of trade among developing countries against the background of recent developments.

5. Other matters

Delegations might wish to raise for discussion any other matters relevant to the work of the Committee.

¹The first annual report to the CONTRACTING PARTIES was issued as L/4091 and addenda.