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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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

1. Review of implementation of Part IV

At its twenty-ninth session in May 1975, the Committee on Trade and Development reviewed the implementation of Part IV with the aid of secretariat document COM.TD/W/227 and Add.1. Information provided by delegations during that session is summarized in paragraphs 5-14 of the Committee's proceedings (COM.TD/97). As background for the annual review of Part IV, recent developments in commercial policy measures, as reported by delegations in response to GATT/AIR/1204, have been reproduced in document COM.TD/W/233. A secretariat note (COM.TD/W/234) provides certain additional information on points of interest in the context of Part IV. In its review of the implementation of Part IV, the Committee might also wish to pursue further the earlier discussion on the application of Part IV (COM.TD/97, paragraphs 18 and 22), in relation to the objectives it is intended to serve.

2. Developments in the multilateral trade negotiations

During its last session the Committee decided that a separate item concerning the multilateral trade negotiations should be included in its agenda for future meetings and that the secretariat might provide a note on developments in the negotiations, which would take into account issues of interest to developing countries. Accordingly, a secretariat note is being circulated as COM.TD/W/235.

3. Technical assistance

In May 1975, the Committee carried out a review of technical assistance being provided to developing countries in the context of their preparation for and participation in the multilateral trade negotiations on the basis of a secretariat paper COM.TD/W/225. To facilitate discussion of this item and to enable delegations to make comments and suggestions with respect to technical assistance, a note summarizing recent activities in this field is being circulated as document COM.TD/W/237.

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4. Review of developments in international trade

At its May 1975 session, the Committee reviewed the overall situation affecting the trade of developing countries on the basis of a secretariat note COM.TD/W/226 and Corr.1. There was general agreement that this item should remain on the agenda for consideration at future meetings. 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 as document COM.TD/W/236.

5. Expansion of trade among developing countries

At its last session, the Committee took note of the points contained in secretariat document COM.TD/W/228 and decided to discuss these matters further when the Annual Report of the Committee of Participating Countries concerning the operation of the Protocol Relating to Trade Negotiations Among Developing Countries was presented for consideration. The second report of the Committee of Participating Countries has been circulated as document L/4238.

6. Other matters

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

7. Adoption of report

The Committee will adopt its report to the CONTRACTING PARTIES.