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## ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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

### 1. Review of implementation of Part IV

According to its terms of reference one of the main functions of the Committee on Trade and Development is to keep under continuous review the implementation of Part IV of the General Agreement. At its thirty-first session in April 1976, the Committee on Trade and Development carried out a mid-term review of the implementation of Part IV in the light of information provided in secretariat document COM.TD/W/241. Additional information provided by delegations during that session is summarized in paragraph 5 of the Committee's proceedings (COM.TD/98). As background for the annual review of Part IV, recent developments in commercial policy measures, as reported by governments in response to GATT/AIR/1305 have been reproduced in document COM.TD/W/246. A secretariat note (COM.TD/W/245) provides certain additional information on points of interest in the context of Part IV.

The Committee agreed at its last meeting that it might revert to the application of Part IV in the light of the objectives it was intended to serve (COM.TD/98, paragraphs 8-24). Members may have some further comments and observations to offer on this subject.

### 2. Developments in the multilateral trade negotiations

At the twenty-ninth session of the Committee in May 1975, it was proposed that a separate item should be inscribed on the agenda dealing with the multilateral trade negotiations and that a background note on developments should be provided in order that developing countries could raise points of particular interest to them. At its last session in April, the Committee took note of developments in the multilateral trade negotiations on the basis of a secretariat background note COM.TD/W/240 and Add.1 which covered the period since the meeting of the Committee on Trade and Development in November 1975. A secretariat note summarizing developments in the various areas of the multilateral trade negotiations since the last meeting of the Committee is contained in document COM.TD/W/247.

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3. Technical assistance

In the context of the multilateral trade negotiations, the Committee agreed to review developments in the field of technical assistance being provided by the secretariat to developing countries with a view, inter alia, to making suggestions on future activities in this area. A background note outlining the main technical assistance activities of the secretariat in this field since the November 1975 meeting of the Committee is being issued as COM.TD/W/249.

4. Review of developments in international trade

The Committee undertakes a regular review of developments in international trade permitting members to offer comments and suggestions on points of particular interest to them. To facilitate discussion of this item, a 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 COM.TD/W/248.

5. Expansion of trade among developing countries

The Committee serves as a forum for following developments in relation to the expansion of trade among developing countries and, among other things, receives the Annual Report of the Committee of Participating Countries concerning the operation of the Protocol Relating to Trade Negotiations Among Developing Countries. In the light of the matters referred to in the Annual Report to be issued as document L/4412, including questions relating to enlargement of the Protocol, members may have some comments and suggestions to offer.

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.