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## ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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

1. Review of implementation of Part IV

In accordance with its terms of reference, the Committee on Trade and Development is required to keep under continuous review the implementation of Part IV of the General Agreement. A secretariat note summarizing certain developments, since the annual review undertaken by the Committee at its session in November 1978, in commercial policy measures and other matters of relevance to Part IV is being circulated as COM.TD/W/291.

2. Developments in the multilateral trade negotiations

At the twenty-ninth session of the Committee on Trade and Development in May 1975, it was agreed that a separate item should be included in the agenda of each meeting of the Committee dealing with the multilateral trade negotiations with a view to enabling members to raise points of particular interest to them. A secretariat note summarizing developments in the multilateral trade negotiations is being issued as COM.TD/W/290. It might be noted that the secretariat is proceeding with preliminary work in connexion with the analysis of the MTN results for developing countries with a view to circulating a report on the matter prior to the succeeding meeting of the Committee.

3. Future work of the Committee

At the November 1978 session, the Committee had a preliminary exchange of views on the question of the work of the Committee in the post-MTN period on the basis of a secretariat note COM.TD/W/284, that reproduced the Committee's terms of reference, described the main lines of its past activities, summarized a number of issues that had been referred to at recent meetings in relation to future activities, and indicated a number of factors in relation to which the future work of the Committee might need to be considered. Comments and suggestions made by a number of delegations which were also of a preliminary

nature, are summarized in the Committee's report (L/4721, paragraphs 25-30) which also indicates that the Committee would revert to the question of its future work at its next session. To facilitate further consideration of this item, the secretariat is preparing, in the light of previous discussions and recent developments, a note (COM.TD/W/288) outlining a number of issues which would appear relevant to the future work of the Committee.

4. Other matters

Delegations might wish to raise for discussion any other matters relevant to the work of the Committee. In this connexion, the Committee agreed to keep on its agenda for the forthcoming meeting the Report of the Committee of Participating Countries for the Five-Year Review of the Decision of the CONTRACTING PARTIES enabling the implementation of the Protocol Relating to Trade Negotiations Among Developing Countries, in case delegations had further observations to make on the matter.