

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

Committee on Trade and Development
Thirty-Ninth Session
8-9 November 1979

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

The following items are proposed for the thirty-ninth 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. Such a review was undertaken by the Committee at its thirty-seventh session in April 1979, on the basis of a background note provided by the secretariat on developments in commercial policy measures and other matters of interest in relation to Part IV (COM.TD/W/291). Additional information provided by delegations during that session is summarized in paragraphs 6-9 of the Committee's proceedings (COM.TD/101). As background for the annual review of Part IV, recent measures relevant to Part IV, as reported by governments in response to GATT/AIR/1574 are being reproduced in document COM.TD/W/298 and Addenda. A secretariat note, providing certain additional information relevant to Part IV, will also be available in COM.TD/W/301.

2. 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 consideration of this item, a secretariat note reviewing recent trends in the trade and payments situation of developing countries is being circulated as COM.TD/W/302.

3. Points of interest to developing countries with respect to the multilateral trade negotiations

In accordance with the agreement reached in the Committee at its twenty-ninth session in May 1975, a separate item dealing with recent developments relating to the multilateral trade negotiations is inscribed on the agenda of the Committee. A secretariat note summarizing the main points of interest to developing countries, in this respect is being circulated as document COM.TD/W/300.

4. 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. The Committee will have before it the sixth Annual Report on the operation of the Protocol, to be issued as document L/4855.

5. Future work of the Committee

At its September 1979 meeting, the Committee undertook an examination of proposals with respect to the Committee's future work on the basis of a secretariat note, COM.TD/W/295, which brought together the main points and suggestions that had been made at recent meetings of the Committee in connexion with its activities in the post-MTN period as well as those which had emerged from recent discussions outside the Committee having a bearing on the matter. The proceedings of the last session of the Committee are contained in COM.TD/102. A checklist of points made at that session in relation to the specific items that had been suggested for the Committee's future work programme is contained in paragraphs 12-21 of COM.TD/102. There was general agreement in the Committee that at its annual session it should seek to identify the main elements of its future work programme, in advance of the thirty-fifth session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES to be held on 26-30 November 1979.

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.