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## ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE UNCTAD BOARD AND TO THE COMMITTEE ON COMMODITIES

### Note by the Director-General

The following communication has been received from the Secretary-General of UNCTAD:

"We were all very saddened by the news of the death of Mr. S.A. Hasnie of Pakistan who made such an eminent contribution to the joint efforts of our two organizations. I am writing to you concerning his replacement on the Advisory Committee to the Trade and Development Board and to the Committee on Commodities of the UNCTAD.

"As you know, the Trade and Development Board adopted, at its First Session, the terms of reference of the Advisory Committee. These state, inter alia, that the Committee shall include 'a person nominated by the CONTRACTING PARTIES to the GATT'.

"At its Third Session, the Trade and Development Board decided on the composition of the Advisory Committee which included Mr. S.A. Hasnie who had been nominated by the CONTRACTING PARTIES.

"I would be grateful if you were to advise me of the name of the person whom the CONTRACTING PARTIES will wish to nominate to succeed Mr. Hasnie on the Advisory Committee. It would be my intention to transmit this information to the Trade and Development Board at its Seventh Session in September 1968, along with the name of the person whom I shall have to recommend to the Board to succeed Mr. Salvador Peña Slane of Mexico who has submitted his resignation.

"In view of the desirability of ensuring, as far as possible, that an equitable geographical distribution is reflected in the membership of the Advisory Committee, I thought that the CONTRACTING PARTIES would wish to take into account the existing membership of the Committee in deciding whom they wish to nominate to succeed Mr. Hasnie. I accordingly attach the list of the members of the Advisory Committee which was approved at the Third Session of the Trade and Development Board. You may also wish to bear in mind that I am exploring the availability of a Latin American to succeed Mr. Salvador Peña Slane."

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The following is the note on the membership of the Advisory Committee, enclosed in the Secretary-General's letter:

"The Trade and Development Board, at its eighty-seventh and eighty-eighth meetings on 15 February 1966, decided that the Advisory Committee would be composed of the following members, to hold office for a term of three years:

- (i) Mr. P.N.C. Okigbo (Nigeria), elected by the Board as Chairman;
- (ii) Mr. S.R. Sen (India), nominated by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) as a person specifically concerned with agricultural primary commodities;
- (iii) Mr. S.A. Hasnie (Pakistan), nominated by the CONTRACTING PARTIES to GATT;

and the following persons appointed by the Board on the recommendation of the Secretary-General of UNCTAD:

- (iv) Mr. Salvador Peña Slane (Mexico), as a person particularly concerned with non-agricultural primary commodities;
- (v) Mr. Isaiah Frank (United States), as a person of wide experience in the problems confronting countries undergoing development whose economies are primarily dependent on the production and international marketing of primary commodities;
- (vi) Mr. D.I. Kostyukhin (USSR), as a person particularly familiar with the problems of State trading in primary commodities;
- (vii) Mr. André Philip (France), as a person with special knowledge and experience in the problems relating to primary commodities in major consuming countries."

In this connexion the Government of Pakistan has advised that it would be prepared to make available Mr. Osman Ali, should the CONTRACTING PARTIES wish to nominate him for appointment to the Advisory Committee as successor to the late Mr. Hasnie. Mr. Osman Ali was, from 1958-62, Permanent Secretary to the Ministry of Commerce of Pakistan and, from 1962-66, Permanent Secretary to the Ministry of Economic Affairs. He was until recently Ambassador to Belgium and the European Economic Communities and also the United Nations and specialized agencies in Geneva and will soon take up a new appointment as an Executive Director of the Bank for International Reconstruction and Development. He was Chairman of the recent Cocoa Conference and is a Vice-Chairman of the CONTRACTING PARTIES.

The enquiry from the Secretary-General will be referred to the Council of Representatives at its next meeting, which will be held on 13 September. Any contracting party wishing to propose another candidate for nomination should submit the name and curriculum vitae by 10 September.