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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

The following items are proposed for the Fifty-Second Session of the Committee on Trade and Development.

1. Consultations and appropriate negotiations on tropical products

Following the decision taken by ministers at the Thirty-Eighth Session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES in regard to consultations and appropriate negotiations aimed at further liberalization of trade in tropical products, to be carried out in the Committee on Trade and Development, a first round of consultations was held on 7-11 November 1983. The Committee will have before it a report and summing-up by the Chairman of these consultations, which was made available to the CONTRACTING PARTIES at their Thirty-Ninth Session in document COM.TD/116. A second round of consultations was held on 2-4 May 1984, and a secretariat note on the proceedings of these consultations will also be before the Committee in document COM.TD/W/405.

2. Prospects for increasing trade between developed and developing countries

At the Thirty-Eighth session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES Ministers instructed the Committee on Trade and Development to carry out "an examination of the prospects for increasing trade between developed and developing countries and the possibilities in GATT for facilitating this objective". At its March 1983 session, the Committee agreed that the secretariat would prepare appropriate background material for this examination. At its November 1983 meeting, the Committee had before it a secretariat note (COM.TD/W/393) outlining the background material which the secretariat proposed to present to the Committee. At the present session, the Committee will have before it the background material prepared by the secretariat in document Spec(84)21 and Add.1.

3. Ivory Coast proposals on trade in tropical agricultural products

The proposal made by the Ivory Coast to the CONTRACTING PARTIES at their Thirty-Eighth Session in November 1982 (W.38/3), in relation to tropical agricultural products, was referred by the Council to the Committee on Trade and Development in January 1983. This matter was considered at the March 1983 and November 1983 meetings of the Committee, and remains before the Committee for further consideration.

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4. Work of the Sub-Committee on Trade of Least Developed Countries

The Committee on Trade and Development agreed at its Forty-Ninth Session in March 1983 that the Sub-Committee on Trade of Least-Developed Countries would (a) monitor the implementation of those aspects of the Ministerial Declaration which concern least-developed countries and (b) hold consultations between interested least-developed countries and their respective trading partners on issues related to their development and export interests, including the examination of barriers to their trade and any other relevant commercial policy matters. The Sub-Committee held its fifth meeting on 15 November 1983, during which consultations took place between Bangladesh and its trading partners. A note on this meeting by the Chairman was made available to the CONTRACTING PARTIES at their Thirty-Ninth Session in document COM.TD/LLDC/5. In addition to this document, the Committee will have before it a secretariat note on the proceedings of the fifth meeting, contained in document COM.TD/LLDC/6. The Committee may wish to take note of the proposed Work Programme of the Sub-Committee.

5. Review of the operation of the enabling clause in accordance with its paragraph 9

In the light of the Ministerial Decision to review the operation of the Enabling Clause as provided for in its paragraph 9, the Committee on Trade and Development agreed at its March 1983 session that this review would be initiated in the context of the regular annual review of the operation of the Enabling Clause in 1983, and then completed in 1984. At its Fifty-First Session in November 1983, the Committee initiated its review (L/5580) on the basis of notifications made by governments, contained in document COM.TD/W/390 and Addenda. The Committee may wish to continue an exchange of views in the context of the review envisaged in terms of the Ministerial Decision.

6. Other matters

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