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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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

1. Review of developments in international trade and in the Uruguay Round: Review of the implementation of the provisions of Part IV and the operation of the Enabling Clause

In reviewing developments in international trade that have a bearing on the trade and payments position of developing countries the Committee might wish to focus on those developments that are of particular relevance to the ongoing multilateral negotiations. To provide a basis for discussion delegations will have available the document Prospects for International Trade (GATT/1419), the first chapter of the GATT Annual Report, International Trade 1986/87, embodying its main conclusions. In regard to developments in the Uruguay Round the Committee at its Sixty-First Session on 22 June 1987, agreed that in keeping under review the progress in ongoing multilateral negotiations from the point of view of developing countries specific issues or questions should be discussed, while avoiding duplication with the work of the Trade Negotiations Committee and its subsidiary bodies. Several specific questions have been suggested for future consideration. Members of the Committee might wish to have a further exchange of views on these questions with the view to better identifying them so that the Committee might hold a more structured discussion under the item "Developments in the Uruguay Round".

According to its terms of reference, one of the main functions of the Committee is to keep under continuous review the implementation of the provisions of Part IV of the General Agreement. The Committee also has primary responsibility for the supervision of the implementation of the Decision on Differential and More Favourable Treatment, Reciprocity and Fuller Participation of Developing Countries. The last review of the implementation of the provisions of Part IV and the operation of the Enabling Clause was undertaken by the Committee at its Sixty-First Session on 22 June 1987. For the purpose of the review at this meeting, the Committee will have before it any notifications made by governments in regard to measures relevant to implementation of Part IV and the operation of the Enabling Clause, in response to GATT/AIR/2462.

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2. Future work of the Sub-Committee on the Trade of Least-Developed Countries

At its Sixty-First Session on 22 June 1987 the Committee reactivated the Sub-Committee on Trade of Least-Developed Countries in order to keep under continuous review issues in the Uruguay Round of particular interest to the least-developed countries. Ambassador M. Huslid (Norway) was appointed as Chairman of the Sub-Committee for the period of one year. Members of the Committee might wish to have an exchange of views on how best to organize the future work of the Sub-Committee.

3. Expansion of Trade Among Developing Countries

The Committee continues to serve as a forum for following developments in relation to the expansion of trade among developing countries. In this connection, it receives the Annual Report of the Committee of Participating Countries concerning the operation of the Protocol Relating to Trade Negotiations Among Developing Countries. The Fourteenth Annual Report of the Committee of Participating Countries will be before the Committee.

4. Technical assistance to developing countries in the context of the Uruguay Round

The Committee examined this issue at its Sixtieth Session in November 1986 and at its Sixty-First Session in June 1987. The Committee may wish to review periodically the technical assistance activities undertaken in GATT in the context of the Uruguay Round and decide upon further improvements in this area as appropriate.

5. Any other matters

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

6. Adoption of the Report

The Committee will adopt its Report to the CONTRACTING PARTIES.