

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

RESTRICTED

COM.TD/LLDC/W/31

21 January 1988

TARIFFS AND TRADE

Limited Distribution

Sub-Committee on Trade of
Least-Developed Countries
Ninth Meeting
11 February 1988

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. At the Sixty-First Session of the Committee on Trade and Development in June 1987 it was decided that the Sub-Committee on Trade of Least-Developed Countries should, inter alia, carry out a regular review of issues in the Uruguay Round of particular interest to the least-developed countries in the light of paragraph (vii) of the general principles governing the negotiations. The provisional agenda for the ninth meeting of the Sub-Committee includes the following items.

Agenda Item I: Review of developments in the Uruguay Round of
interest to the least-developed countries

2. Document COM.TD/LLDC/W/32 contains a paper prepared by the GATT secretariat in the context of technical assistance for least-developed countries, reviewing developments in the Uruguay Round of interest to those countries. With paragraph (vii) of the Uruguay Ministerial Declaration in view, the secretariat note COM.TD/LLDC/W/33 focuses attention on the proposals made at the 1982 Ministerial Meeting concerning action towards facilitating the trade of least-developed countries and reducing tariff and non-tariff barriers to their exports. Supplementary proposals made in the course of the work of the Sub-Committee have also been reproduced. Discussions on these proposals were fully reported in COM.TD/LLDC/8 and COM.TD/LLDC/9. For the discussion of this agenda item the attention of delegations is also drawn to Annex I of document COM.TD/LLDC/W/34 which reviews the various commercial policy measures which have been taken in recent years in favour of the least-developed countries.

Agenda Item II: Review of recent developments in international
trade relating to the trade of least-developed
countries and of recent commercial policy
measures in favour of least-developed countries

3. For the first part of this agenda item, the secretariat has prepared a note (COM.TD/LLDC/W/35) on recent developments in the external trade and payments situation of least-developed countries. Another secretariat note (COM.TD/LLDC/W/34) contains available information on specific commercial policy measures taken recently in favour of least-developed countries. In Annex I to document COM.TD/LLDC/W/34, the secretariat has summarized and updated information on the various commercial policy measures taken in favour of least-developed countries over the past few years. Delegations are invited to inform the Sub-Committee of any general trade or commercial policy actions they have recently taken or which are being prepared or contemplated to provide special treatment for least-developed countries.

Agenda Item III: Technical assistance

4. Section II of secretariat note COM.TD/LLDC/W/34 gives a short summary of recent secretariat technical assistance activities involving least-developed countries. Document COM.TD/W/454 on technical cooperation in favour of developing countries issued for the sixty-second session of the Committee on Trade and Development has also been made available for discussion on this item. For this purpose delegations may also refer to COM.TD/W/450 on the technical cooperation activities of the secretariat since the sixtieth session of the Committee on Trade and Development as well as to document COM.TD/W/445 which outlines the programme and orientation of technical cooperation activities of the GATT secretariat.