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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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

1. Review of developments in international trade and in the Uruguay Round

At the Sixty-Second Session in October 1987 the Committee agreed that in keeping under review developments in the Uruguay Round members of the Committee might wish to take up the following points: (i) developments in international trade and in the Uruguay Round; (ii) developments in negotiating bodies of the Uruguay Round with regard to special and differential treatment, fuller participation and reciprocity; (iii) specific topics in the Uruguay Round of particular relevance to trade between developed and developing countries. In regard to this last sub-item, it was agreed that such specific topics could be proposed by delegations and informal consultations may be held as to the topics which might be discussed. It was also agreed that in reviewing developments in international trade and in the Uruguay Round the Committee should avoid duplication with the work of the Trade Negotiations Committee and its subsidiary Groups. To provide a basis for discussion under this item of the agenda delegations will have available the GATT Annual Report, International Trade 1986/87 and a press release by the GATT secretariat giving an assessment of international trade in 1987 and prospects for 1988 (document GATT/1432).

2. Review of the implementation of the provisions of Part IV and of the operation of the Enabling Clause

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-Second Session in October 1987. For the purpose of the review of this meeting, the Committee will have before it any notifications made by governments in regard to measures relevant to the implementation of Part IV and the operation of the Enabling Clause, in response to GATT/AIR/2570. A communication from the Secretary-General a.i. of the Latin American Integration Association (ALADI) concerning the Economic Complementarity Agreement No. 7 concluded between Argentina and Brazil is being circulated as document L/6158/Add.1.

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

At its Sixty-First Session in June 1987 the Committee reactivated the Sub-Committee on the 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. In pursuance to the mandate given by the Committee, the Sub-Committee met on 11 February 1988. The note on proceedings of that meeting is being circulated in document COM.TD/LLDC/10.

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

The Committee has reviewed periodically the technical assistance provided in GATT to developing countries in the context of the ongoing multilateral negotiations. The Committee also noted that other international organizations as well as individual governments were involved in technical assistance activities and that, with a view to ensuring greater complementarity of technical assistance, efforts towards increased transparency in these activities would be useful. Members of the Committee might wish to have a further exchange of views on technical assistance activities undertaken in the context of the Uruguay Round.

5. Other matters

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