GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

RESTRICTED

TARIFFS AND TRADE

Committee on Trade and Development Sixty-Fifth Session

17 and 21 October 1988

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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

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

As agreed at the Sixtieth Session in November 1986 the Committee is keeping under review progress of negotiations in the Uruguay Round from the point of view of developing countries. In carrying out this work it was agreed that the Committee should avoid duplication with the work of the negotiating bodies under the Trade Negotiations Committee. 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.

2. <u>Review of the implementation of the provisions of Part IV</u> and 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-Third Session on 19 April 1988. 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/2669.

3. <u>Technical assistance to developing countries</u> in the context of the Uruguay Round

The Committee agreed to review periodically the technical assistance provided in GATT to developing countries in the context of the ongoing multilateral negotiations. The Committee also agreed to invite governments and international organizations, which provide technical assistance to developing countries in relation to work in the Uruguay Round to keep the Committee periodically informed on activities which they had carried out as well as of facilities which were available under their programmes, in order to promote greater transparency and complementarity of these technical assistance activities. 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 and decide upon further improvements in this area as appropriate.

4. 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 Fifteenth Annual Report of the Committee of Participating Countries will be before the Committee.

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.