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### ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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

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

In reviewing progress of negotiations in the Uruguay Round from the point of view of developing countries, members of the Committee exchange views on 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.

It will be recalled that during previous reviews of developments the interlinkages between trade, finance and money have been recognized as being among the topics of particular relevance to trade between developed and developing countries. It is proposed that the Committee might focus its attention on a general review of issues relating to this topic without any commitment to negotiating positions of governments in the Uruguay Round. Some questions which the Committee might look at in this respect would include the following: a) the impact of trade policies including trade liberalization measures on debt and balance-of-payments issues; b) the consequences of the balance-of-payments situation and the indebtedness of developing countries for trade between them and the developed countries, and for the process of trade liberalization and economic development and growth; c) the importance of closer cooperation on trade and financial problems, and the extent to which closer coordination between trade and monetary and financial policies is needed to deal with debt and payment difficulties of developing countries; d) suggestions on possible further contributions of GATT in this field. It is understood that in reviewing such matters the Committee should avoid duplication with work of Negotiating Bodies of the Uruguay Round.

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

According to its terms of reference the Committee is keeping under 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

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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-Fifth Session in October 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/2780.

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

The Committee reviews periodically the technical assistance provided in GATT to developing countries in the context of the ongoing multilateral negotiations. Governments and international organizations, which provide technical assistance to developing countries in relation to work in the Uruguay Round are invited to keep the Committee periodically informed on activities which they have carried out as well as of facilities which are 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.

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

In accordance to the mandate given by the Committee the Sub-Committee on the Trade of Least-Developed Countries is keeping under continuous review issues in the Uruguay Round of particular interest to the least-developed countries. Since the Sixty-Fifth meeting of the Committee on 17 and 21 October 1988, the Sub-Committee met on 26 October 1988. The note on the proceedings of that meeting was circulated in document COM.TD/LLDC/11/Rev.1.

5. Any other matters

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