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COMMITTEE OF PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES

Meeting to be held on 11 July 1989

The Committee of Participating Countries provided for in the Protocol Relating to Trade Negotiations Among Developing Countries will hold its fifty-fourth meeting on 11 July 1989, at 3 p.m. in the Centre William Rappard, 154, rue de Lausanne, Geneva. The meeting will also be open to delegations of countries having signed but not yet ratified the Protocol.

The following items have been proposed for inclusion in the agenda for the meeting:

- Expansion of trade among developing countries (paragraphs 3-11 of the Summary of Discussions (CPC/98) of the last meeting). At the last meeting, the Committee took note of the comments and proposals made by members and agreed that participating countries would reflect on the various approaches which might be pursued with a view to the expansion of trade among developing countries. In summary, it has been suggested that, in the short-term the Committee might proceed as follows: first, pursue the updating of the schedules of concessions of participating countries having regard, inter alia, to the opportunities offered by the introduction of the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System; second, review periodically developments in the schedules of concessions on the basis of an updated secretariat document; third, consider in more detail the possible elaboration of procedures that might entitle participating countries to incorporate into the Protocol additional concessions and contributions fully recognized in the context of the Uruguay Round of Multilateral Trade Negotiations. The Committee also agreed to revert to this matter at its next meeting. Members of the Committee may wish to review developments and exchange views on matters relevant to this agenda item.
- 2. Yugoslavia Schedule of Concessions (paragraph 13 of the Summary of Discussions (CPC/98) of the last meeting). At the last meeting, the Committee took note that, in accordance with the procedures set out in CPC/4, the Schedule of Concessions of Yugoslavia revised in accordance with the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System would be circulated for inclusion in a certification of rectifications to schedules. The revised Schedule of Concessions of Yugoslavia has been circulated as CPC/97. The Committee agreed to revert to this matter at its next meeting.
- 3. <u>Certification of origin</u>. Additional information concerning certification of origin provided by Mexico, Peru and Israel has been circulated in documents CPC/10/Addendum 33, 34 and 35, respectively.
- 4. Rotation of Officers (CPC/47).
- 5. Other business.