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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. The provisional agenda for the eleventh meeting of the Sub-Committee on Trade of Least-Developed Countries comprised the following items:

- (i) Review of developments in the Uruguay Round of interest to the least-developed countries

2. 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 Part I Section B(vii) of the Ministerial Declaration of Punta del Este. Subsequently at the ninth meeting of the Sub-Committee on 11 February 1989 the delegation of Bangladesh submitted, on behalf of least-developed countries some preliminary proposals for consideration by appropriate negotiating groups. After preliminary discussions in the Sub-Committee the proposals were further submitted as document MTN.GNG/W/14/Rev.1 to the Group of Negotiations on Goods which later forwarded them to the various negotiating groups for their consideration. The Sub-Committee may consider the progress achieved with regard to these proposals as well as any other proposals and developments in the Uruguay Round relating to the special interest of the least-developed countries. The secretariat note COM.TD/LLDC/W/40 gives a short summary of relevant developments in the Uruguay Round.

- (ii) Review of recent developments in the external trade and payment situation of least-developed countries and of recent commercial policy measures relating to them

3. As part of its regular programme of work, the Sub-Committee may review recent commercial policy measures of interest to least-developed countries taken outside the framework of the Uruguay Round as well as recent developments in their external trade and payments situation. Secretariat notes COM.TD/LLDC/W/41 and COM.TD/LLDC/W/43 respectively, have been prepared as background documentation. During the meeting delegations will have the opportunity of notifying any other measures not included in the secretariat documentation.

(iii) Technical assistance

4. Under this agenda item delegations will have the opportunity of reviewing, inter alia, secretariat technical co-operation activities relating to least-developed countries either generally or within the framework of the Uruguay Round. Secretariat note COM.TD/LLDC/W/41 provides a short summary of such activities since the last meeting of the Sub-Committee. In this connection delegations may also refer to documents COM.TD/W/473 and COM.TD/W/472 made available for the June 1989 meeting of the Committee on Trade and Development. Interested international organizations may contribute to the review.

(iv) Other matters

5. Under this agenda item delegations may raise any other issues of interest to the trade of least-developed countries and relevant to the work of the Sub-Committee.