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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

The following items are proposed for the Seventieth Session of the Committee on Trade and Development.

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

Members of the Committee might wish to take up in the discussion those developments in international trade which in their view have a particular bearing on the trade of developing countries. In reviewing such developments the Committee might also focus on trade policy aspects which could usefully be discussed in the light of its terms of reference. Such aspects could include greater integration of developing countries in the multilateral trading system as testified by recent accessions of developing countries to GATT and the trend towards outward-looking trade policies in developing countries.

The Committee is also keeping under review developments in the Uruguay Round of interest to developing countries, including developments in negotiating bodies of the Uruguay Round with regard to special and differential treatment, fuller participation and reciprocity. The Committee also examined in the past a number of specific topics in the Uruguay Round of particular relevance to trade between developed and developing countries such as interlinkages between trade, money and finance, and credit and recognition for trade liberalization measures undertaken by developing countries. Committee members might, if they so wish, revert to such topics or take up any other specific topics of interest to them.

The secretariat has prepared a note for review of Developments in International Trade and in the Uruguay Round and of the Implementation of Part IV and Operation of the Enabling Clause (COM.TD/W/486) which contains background information of relevance to the discussions under Items 1 and 2 of the Agenda.

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 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. 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 the implementation of Part IV and the operation of the Enabling Clause in response to GATT/AIR/3180, as well as the Background Note indicated above.

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

The Committee reviews periodically the technical assistance provided by GATT to developing countries in the context of the ongoing multilateral trade 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. The last review of technical assistance provided by the GATT secretariat was undertaken by the Committee at its Sixty-Ninth Session in October 1990. For the purpose of that review the secretariat circulated a note outlining the GATT technical assistance activities since the commencement of the Round (COM.TD/W/483). For this session the secretariat has prepared a note containing further details on technical assistance activities provided since the beginning of the Round up till now as well as on training activities (COM.TD/W/488). Under this item of the agenda delegations might wish to examine the technical assistance needs of developing countries during the present stage of the Uruguay Round negotiations and to initiate an exchange of views on the future technical assistance programme of the GATT.

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

In accordance with 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-Ninth Session of the Committee on 12 and 16 October 1990, the Sub-Committee met on 31 October 1990. The note on the proceedings of that meeting was circulated in document COM.TD/LLDC/13.

5. Other matters

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