

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

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### ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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

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

- Participation of developing countries in the multilateral trading system
- Southern Common Market (MERCOSUR)

In accordance with 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. The last review of the implementation of the provisions of Part IV and of the operation of the Enabling Clause was undertaken by the Committee at its Seventy-Second Session in July 1992. For the purpose of the review at the present meeting, the Committee will have before it any notifications made by governments in regard to their GSP schemes, and a number of notifications on preferential arrangements concluded among developing countries: the Additional Protocol on Preferential Tariffs concluded by members of the Economic Cooperation Organization (L/7047), the Southern Common Market (L/7044 and L/7098), the Andean Group (L/7088 and L/7089), and a report on the trade cooperation among ASEAN member states (L/7111).

As agreed by the Committee at its Seventy-Second Session on 13 July 1992, the Secretariat has prepared under its responsibility for the purpose of the review of the implementation of Part IV and of the operation of the Enabling Clause a background Note on the participation of developing countries, including the least-developed countries in the multilateral trading system (COM.TD/W/498).

A request has been received to inscribe under the first item of the agenda the question of the Southern Common Market (MERCOSUR).

2. 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 on-going multilateral trade negotiations. Governments and international organizations that provide technical assistance to developing countries in relation to work in the Uruguay Round are invited to keep the Committee periodically informed of 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 Seventy-Second Session in July 1992 on the basis of an oral report by the Secretariat. For the present Session, the Secretariat has prepared a Note containing details on technical assistance provided by the GATT Secretariat since the October 1991 Session of the Committee (COM.TD/W/499).

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

The Committee should appoint the Chairman of the Sub-Committee on Trade of Least-Developed Countries for 1993. Since the Sub-Committee did not hold a meeting before this Session of the Committee, delegations may wish to raise any other matters of relevance to the work of the Sub-Committee under this item of the agenda.

4. Annual report of the Committee of Participating Countries on the operation of the Protocol relating to trade negotiations among developing countries

The Committee serves as a forum for following developments under the Protocol relating to trade negotiations among developing countries. The Nineteenth Annual Report of the Committee of Participating Countries concerning the operation of the Protocol will be before the Committee.

5. Future work programme of the Committee on Trade and Development

At the Seventieth, Seventy-First and Seventy-Second Sessions in June and October 1991, and in July 1992 respectively, the Committee took up the question of its future rôle after the Uruguay Round. Many delegations stated that whatever the results of the negotiations, the Committee's rôle should be strengthened in future with a view to making its work more action-oriented. At the Seventy-Second Session, the Committee started a process of reflection on its future work programme on the basis of an informal paper (attachment to document COM.TD/132) submitted by the Chairman with a view to taking a final decision on this matter at an appropriate future meeting. At the Seventy-Third Session of the Committee, delegations might wish to continue the exchange of views on the future work programme of the Committee.

6. Other matters

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

7. Adoption of the report

The Committee will adopt its report to the CONTRACTING PARTIES.