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OF THE LESS-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO THE
TRADE NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE

Addendum

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Insert the following paragraph after paragraph 31:

31 bis. The representative of Argentina stressed the importance which he attached to that point in relation to the advantages which the less-developed countries could obtain from the Kennedy negotiations. He was concerned because the problem of disparities led to the exclusion from the general rules of products of interest to less-developed countries, in particular, semi-processed products, for that might go against the intentions of the less-developed countries to export their raw materials at the most advanced stage of processing possible.

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Replace paragraph 57 by the following:

57. The representative of Argentina said that the Ministerial Decision made it perfectly clear that the developed countries could not expect reciprocity in the forthcoming trade negotiations.

He reiterated Argentina's interest in participating in negotiations which would yield real benefits for developing countries but since the preparatory work so far carried out did not permit any valid conclusion to be drawn, the Argentinian delegation was not for the moment in a position to discuss the bases for the participation of the less-developed countries and still less the contribution which it might make. With respect to the suggestion of the United Kingdom representative that possibilities should be examined for developing trade between less-developed countries, he agreed that the problem deserved consideration, but pointed out that it could not be considered separately from the question of preferences, for it must be assured that concessions granted mutually would really be of benefit to less-developed countries. His delegation would remain in a state of expectancy for the time being.

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Paragraph 58

In the first line delete: "as".

In sub-paragraph (b) read "qualitative".