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DEVELOPMENTS SINCE THE LAST MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE IN DECEMBER 1968

Note by the Secretariat

1. At the last formal meeting of the Trade Negotiations Committee of Developing Countries held on 13 December 1968, it was agreed that the first phase of the negotiations relating to the exchange of information on trade patterns, tariffs and other import regulations should be completed in March 1969 and that specific request lists, addressed to individual participating countries, should be filed by 10 April, or as soon as possible thereafter. It was further agreed that the matter should be kept under review, that the Committee should take up preliminary consideration of rules and procedures for the negotiations as soon as the process of exchanging information was completed and that agreement should be reached on the main elements in the rules after the request lists had been submitted but before the offers of concessions were defined (cf. paragraphs 4 and 9 of TN(LDC)16).
2. Since then a number of informal consultations have taken place between the Chairman of the Trade Negotiations Committee and representatives of developing countries taking part in the negotiations. These consultations were primarily devoted to an exchange of views on the progress made in the submission of request lists and on the question of rules and procedures which would govern the application of eventual concessions.
3. In the light of these consultations the Director-General, in his capacity as Chairman of the Trade Negotiations Committee, on 3 November 1969 addressed a letter to those developing countries which have not as yet actively associated themselves with the Committee's deliberations, reminding them of the interest of the Committee in their participation in the negotiations. Copy of the letter was sent to members of the Committee.

Submission of request lists

4. A number of participating countries have exchanged information on products entering their mutual trade and on the tariffs and other trade regulations applying to these products. Following this exchange of information thirteen of the thirty-three participating governments have to date presented list of requests of concessions to other participants. A list of countries who have submitted such specific requests is annexed. Some other participating countries have filed lists of products of export interest to them on which they might be interested in exploring the possibilities of seeking concessions in the context of the negotiations.

The question of rules and procedures for the negotiations

5. The secretariat has prepared a paper setting out points which might be considered by the Committee in drawing up rules and procedures for the negotiations (INT(69)114). The views of the Brazilian Government on certain legal and technical aspects of the negotiations were circulated in TN(LDC)19. A set of draft suggestions on ground rules and procedures prepared by certain participating delegations is contained in INT(69)185.

AnnexPARTICIPATING COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE
SUBMITTED SPECIFIC REQUEST LISTS

| Country | Number of lists | Lists addressed to |
|-------------------------|--------------------|---|
| Ceylon | 12 | Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, India, Israel, Republic of Korea, Mexico, Pakistan, United Arab Republic, Venezuela, Yugoslavia |
| Greece | 2 | Spain, Turkey |
| India | 8 | Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Republic of Korea, Mexico, Philippines, Uruguay, Venezuela |
| Iraq | 30 | Afghanistan, Argentina, Brazil, Ceylon, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ethiopia, Greece, India, Indonesia, Iran, Jamaica, Republic of Korea, Lebanon, Mexico, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Uganda, United Arab Republic, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yugoslavia |
| Israel | 5 | Argentina, Brazil, Mexico, Philippines, Turkey |
| Korea, Republic of | 12 | Argentina, Republic of China, Colombia, India, Iran, Israel, Mexico, Philippines, Spain, Turkey, United Arab Republic, Venezuela |
| Pakistan | 9 | Argentina, Brazil, Ceylon, Colombia, Republic of Korea, Mexico, Philippines, United Arab Republic, Yugoslavia |
| Peru | 3 | Israel, United Arab Republic, Yugoslavia |
| Philippines | 9 | Brazil, Chile, India, Israel, Republic of Korea, Mexico, Pakistan, United Arab Republic, Venezuela |
| Turkey | 10 | Afghanistan, Argentina, Brazil, Ethiopia, Republic of Korea, Iran, Lebanon, Pakistan, Yugoslavia |
| United Arab Republic | 19 | Argentina, Brazil, Ceylon, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Greece, Indonesia, Mexico, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, Spain, Turkey, Uganda, Uruguay, Venezuela |

| Country | Number of lists | Lists addressed to |
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| Uruguay | 14 | Afghanistan, Ceylon, Republic of China, Greece, India, Iran, Israel, Nigeria, Pakistan, Philippines, Spain, Turkey, United Arab Republic, Yugoslavia |
| Yugoslavia | 15 | Argentina, Brazil, Ceylon, Chile, Colombia, Greece, Iran, Iraq, Mexico, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Turkey, Uruguay, Venezuela |