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## GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

Preferential Arrangements Among Developing Countries Negotiated in GATT

## ACCESSION OF ARGENTINA

In the light of the request by Argentina for accession to the Protocol Relating to Trade Negotiations Among Developing Countries, the Committee of Participating Countries agreed at its meeting on 18 March 1980 on procedures<sup>1</sup> for negotiations which are expected to take place between Argentina and interested participating countries. These provide, <u>inter alia</u>, that participating countries wishing to enter into negotiations for an exchange of concessions with Argentina should indicate their interest to the Committee within a period of thirty days from the date of the recent meeting if possible.

Participating countries interested in entering into negotiations with Argentina in connexion with Argentina's accession to the Protocol are accordingly invited to inform the secretariat of such interest no later than 17 April 1980 if possible, for transmission to the Committee of Participating Countries and Argentina.

<sup>1</sup>For further details, see the Summary of Discussion of the meeting (CPC/54).