

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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OUTLINE FOR THE SECOND ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION
AND OPERATION OF THE AGREEMENT

Note by the Secretariat

1. It is suggested that the following matters be dealt with in the 1982 background document, to be prepared by the secretariat, for the 1982 annual review on 3-5 November 1982.

- (a) composition of the Committee;
- (b) meetings of the Committee;
- (c) matters settled by the Committee (identification of contracts falling under the Agreement and treatment of borderline cases);
- (d) national legislation (Article IX:4) (reference to continued examination of national legislation);
- (e) establishment in national currencies of the threshold for the purposes of public notices, referred to in Article V:3;
- (f) technical assistance for developing country Parties (Article III:8 and 9);
- (g) special treatment for least-developed countries (Article III:11 and 12);
- (h) consultations and dispute settlement (Article VII:6-10);
- (i) panelists (Article VII:8);
- (j) other matters discussed by the Committee relating to implementation (accession to the Agreement, problems related to the scope of the Agreement, treatment of taxes and duties in relation to the threshold, procedures for consultations under the Agreement, modifications of Annex I, other matters reflected in the minutes of the meetings.

2. In order to facilitate the conduct of the review the secretariat will prepare a background document setting out - by way of references, where appropriate - all information available on actions taken by Parties under

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the Agreement. For this purpose, it is suggested that Parties should submit to the secretariat by 1 October 1982 written information concerning the items listed in paragraph 1 above to the extent that this has not already been done in the normal course of the Committee's work.

3. It is further suggested that the background document be revised after the review session, to take into account any additional points which would give a full picture of the Committee's activities in 1982.