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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. It is suggested that at its twenty-second meeting the Consultative Group of Eighteen address itself to the following:

1. Trade Policy and the International Financial System
2. Implementation and present state of the Ministerial Work Programme
3. Other Business

Item 1 - Trade Policy and the International Financial System

2. The Group decided at its May meeting that it would be useful to pursue its discussion of this subject on the basis of a further paper to be prepared by the GATT secretariat. The paper, which is now being produced and will be distributed shortly, will deal in more detail than the previous paper (CG.18/W/74) with developments in cooperation between the GATT and the major financial institutions, and with developments in the GATT itself which are planned to improve its capacity to deal with the inter-relationship between monetary problems, particularly the debt problem, and trade policy. It will also carry further the analysis of these relationships which was started in the document submitted to the May meeting.

Item 2 - Implementation and present state of the Ministerial Work Programme

3. The November Session of CONTRACTING PARTIES will mark the half-way stage for most of the work programme agreed by Ministers in 1982. The Chairman suggests that the Group should consider the progress made in implementing the work programme and the prospects for attainment of the desired results by the time of the 1984 Session. The Group might also consider the relationship of this work programme to the overall development of international economic relations and whether it comprises an adequate response by GATT to the longer-term needs of the trading community and the world economy.

4. This item is deliberately framed in very broad terms in order to permit a free-ranging discussion, but the Chairman intends to focus the Group's attention on the possibilities for useful action in the coming year.

Item 3 - Other Business