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EVALUATION OF THE RESULTS OF THE KENNEDY ROUND

Note by the Secretariat

1. At its Punta del Este meeting, the Committee on Trade and Development recommended that the secretariat should undertake an analysis of the results of the trade negotiations which would assist the Committee in its evaluation of these results. The secretariat will be circulating in COM.TD/46 and addendum a preliminary study of the results of the Kennedy Round negotiations with respect to the developing countries. The covering note to this document has attempted a summation of the results achieved with regard to developing countries under main product categories.
2. Against the background of the above information, the Committee might wish to examine the results of the negotiations in relation to the commitments accepted by governments in terms of the conclusions and resolutions adopted at the Ministerial meetings of 1963 and 1964, and of the provisions of Part IV of the General Agreement. In this context, the Committee might wish to arrange for this examination to be carried out in an ad hoc group composed of countries which had participated in the Kennedy Round negotiations, which could review the situation on a case-by-case basis and provide an opportunity for consultations between developed and developing countries with regard to the action taken in the negotiations. Such discussion and review might not only facilitate a substantive appraisal of the overall results of the Kennedy Round but also help to identify factors relevant to the implementation of commitments assumed by contracting parties and problems that might have inhibited progress in certain sectors and thus serve as a basis for the findings of the Committee at its next meeting.
3. Where this examination indicates that in certain sectors there are problems that merit deeper analysis, the Committee could, at its next session, consider appropriate arrangements for their further study as a means of achieving progress in future work directed towards the expansion of trade of developing countries.

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