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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Group of Three

In accordance with the mandate given to it at the twenty-seventh session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES, the Group of Three has held consultations with developed countries for the purpose of reviewing follow-up action on the recommendations made by the Group in 1971 (L/3610) and in order to consider means of facilitating implementation of Part IV. In addition the Committee on Trade and Development had asked the Group to see how progress could be made towards solving problems in the vegetable oils sector and in making the work on residual import restrictions more effective.

A report of the Group of Three will be before the Committee.

2. Recent developments, in particular those relating to the multilateral trade negotiations

The Committee might wish to exchange views on recent developments in the trade policy field, in particular those concerning the multilateral trade negotiations due to begin in 1973.

A secretariat background note will be issued. The note will also deal with activities in other GATT bodies of relevance to this agenda item and the work programme for expansion of international trade.

3. Participation by developing countries in the trade negotiations

In the light of the information provided under item 2 above, including recent discussions in the Agriculture and Industrial Products Committees, the Committee might wish to take up points relating to participation of developing countries in the trade negotiations. The Committee might also wish to refer to identification of problems of interest to developing countries in the context of the negotiations and assistance by the secretariat to those countries in the preparatory work.

A background note will be issued.

4. Adjustment assistance measures

The Expert Group on Adjustment Assistance Measures met on 30 May 1972 to consider replies to the expanded questionnaire (GATT/AIR/859) dealing with availability, use and effects of measures of adjustment assistance. The Group also exchanged views on the possible further work that might be undertaken to promote more effective use of adjustment assistance measures.

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A secretariat note on proceedings of the meeting of the Expert Group will be circulated.

5. Future activities

The Committee might wish to discuss how further work on the problems of vegetable oils and residual import restrictions should be organized in practice. The Committee might also give directives for future reviews of the implementation of Part IV. On these matters the Committee may wish to be guided by recommendations made by the Group of Three and discussed under Item 1.

6. Other matters

Delegations may wish to suggest other points for discussion at the meeting or to take up any other matter which, in their view, requires further consideration.