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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

The following items are proposed for the agenda of the thirty-fourth session of the Committee on Trade and Development.

1. Review of implementation of Part IV

According to its terms of reference, one of the main tasks of the Committee on Trade and Development is to keep under continuous review the implementation of Part IV of the General Agreement. A mid-term review of the implementation of Part IV was carried out by the Committee at its thirty-third session in June 1977, on the basis of background information provided by the secretariat on developments in commercial policy measures and other matters of interest in relation to Part IV (COM.TD/W/254). Additional information furnished by delegations during that session is summarized in paragraphs 7-13 of the Committee's proceedings (COM.TD/99). As background for the annual review of Part IV, recent action relevant to Part IV, as reported by governments in response to GATT/AIR/1393, is being reproduced in document COM.TD/W/261. A secretariat note (COM.TD/W/263) providing certain additional information relevant to Part IV is also being issued.

2. Notification procedures relating to the implementation of Part IV

The Committee agreed at its last meeting that it would revert to the question of notification procedures at its next meeting. In this connexion, it decided to request the secretariat to provide a background note containing factual information on notification procedures relating to the implementation of Part IV followed by the Committee, the experience of the Committee with respect to such procedures and a summary of the observations and suggestions that had been made previously on this subject (COM.TD/99, paragraph 22). Accordingly, a secretariat note on the subject has been circulated as COM.TD/W/260.

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3. Review of developments in international trade

The Committee undertakes a regular review of developments in international trade permitting members to offer comments and suggestions on points of particular interest to them. To facilitate consideration of this item a note reviewing recent trends in the trade and payments situation of developing countries with particular reference to developments in trade in primary commodities is being issued as COM.TD/W/264.

4. Developments in the multilateral trade negotiations

In accordance with the Committee's agreement at its twenty-ninth session in May 1975, a separate agenda item dealing with developments in the multilateral trade negotiations is inscribed on the agenda for each meeting of the Committee in order to permit members to raise points of interest, more particularly points of interest to developing countries. A secretariat note summarizing developments in the various areas of the multilateral trade negotiations since the last session of the Committee in June 1977 is being circulated as document COM.TD/W/265.

5. Technical assistance

In the context of the multilateral trade negotiations, the Committee reviews developments in the field of technical assistance being provided by the secretariat with a view, inter alia, to providing an opportunity for delegations to make comments and suggestions concerning further work that might be undertaken in this area. A secretariat note summarizing the main technical assistance activities of the secretariat in this field since the June 1977 meeting of the Committee is being issued as COM.TD/W/266.

6. Expansion of trade among developing countries

The Committee serves as a forum for following developments in relation to the expansion of trade among developing countries and among other things, receives the Annual Report of the Committee of Participating Countries concerning the operation of the Protocol Relating to the Trade Negotiations Among Developing Countries. The Committee will have before it the fourth Annual Report on the operation of the Protocol, to be issued as document L/4561. Having regard to the matters referred to in the Report, members may have some comments and suggestions to offer.

7. Other matters

Delegations might wish to raise for discussion any other matters relevant to the work of the Committee, including its future work programme.

8. Adoption of report

The Committee will adopt its report to the CONTRACTING PARTIES.