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ADVANCE AGENDA

Circulated herewith is an advance agenda for the thirty-sixth session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES in which are listed the items proposed by the secretariat for inclusion in the provisional agenda. Contracting parties wishing to propose additional items are requested to submit their proposals and supporting documents by 10 October 1980 in accordance with Rule 2 of the Rules of Procedure. The provisional agenda will be distributed by 20 October 1980.

1. Report of the Council

A list of the items on which the Council has taken or is likely to take action or to make recommendations before the opening of the session is annexed. When the CONTRACTING PARTIES examine the report there will be an opportunity for discussion or comment on items which are not included in the agenda of the session. The minutes of Council meetings since the thirty-fifth sessions have been distributed in documents C/M/138 and following.

2. Activities of GATT

It would be the intention under this item of the agenda to provide the CONTRACTING PARTIES with an opportunity to review major developments since the thirty-fifth session, and to consider any reports, including that of the Committee on Trade and Development, submitted directly to the CONTRACTING PARTIES.

3. Dates of the thirty-seventh session

4. Election of officers

ANNEX

The following subjects will be included in the report of the Council on work done since the thirty-fifth session:

1. GATT Work Programme
 - Communication by New Zealand
2. Framework texts
 - Statement by Australia
3. Notification and Surveillance
 - Proposal by the Director-General
4. Non-tariff measures
 - Updating of the Inventories of Non-Tariff Measures
5. Tariff Matters
 - (a) Extension of time-limit for acceptance of the Geneva (1979) Protocol and the Supplementary Protocol
 - (b) Committee on Tariff Concessions
 - (c) Introduction of loose-leaf system
6. Safeguards
 - Report of the Committee on Safeguards
7. Consultative Group of Eighteen
8. Adjustment of specific duties
9. Balance-of-payments import restrictions
 - Consultations on balance-of-payments restrictions
 - (a) Arrangements for consultations in 1980
 - (b) Consultation with Greece
 - (c) Consultation with Israel
 - (d) Consultation with Korea
 - (e) Consultation with Portugal
 - (f) Consultation with Tunisia
 - (g) Examination under simplified procedures
 - Egypt, India, Indonesia, Pakistan, Peru, Sri Lanka

10. Emergency action and trade restrictive measures
 - United States
 - Proposed Article XIX action for leather wearing apparel
11. Recourse to Articles XXII and XXIII
 - (a) European Communities
 - (i) Imports of beef from Canada
 - (ii) Refunds on exports of sugar
 - Recourse by Australia
 - (iii) Restrictions on imports of apples from Chile
 - (b) Japan
 - (i) Restraints on imports of manufactured tobacco
 - (ii) Measures on imports of leather
 - (c) Norway
 - Restrictions on imports of textiles from Hong Kong
 - (d) Spain
 - (i) Tariff treatment of unroasted coffee
 - (ii) Measures concerning domestic sale of soyabean oil
 - (e) United States
 - Prohibition of imports of tuna and tuna products from Canada
12. Customs unions and free-trade areas; regional agreements
 - (a) European Communities
 - (i) Accession of Greece
 - (ii) ACP/EEC Convention of Lomé
 - (iii) Agreement with Yugoslavia
 - (iv) Information on developments furnished by member States
 - Association EEC-Cyprus
 - Association EEC-Malta
 - Agreement with Israel
 - Agreement with Spain
 - (b) European Free Trade Association
 - Free-trade Agreement between EFTA and Spain

- (c) Agreements concluded by Finland
 - (i) Finland-Czechoslovakia Agreement
 - (ii) Finland-Hungary Agreement
 - (iii) Finland-Poland Agreement
- 13. Waivers under Article XXV:5
 - (a) India - Auxiliary duty of customs
 - (b) Indonesia - Renegotiation of Schedule
- 14. Reports under waivers
 - United States
 - (i) Agricultural Adjustment Act
 - Report of the Working Party
 - (ii) Automotive products
- 15. Consultations on trade
 - Hungary
- 16. Trade in Textiles
 - Report on the annual review by the Textiles Committee
- 17. Training activities
- 18. Turkey - Economic measures
- 19. Administrative and financial questions
 - (a) New Director-General
 - (b) Committee on Budget, Finance and Administration
 - (i) Chairman and membership
 - (ii) Exchange rate problems
 - (iii) Arrears of contributions
 - (iv) Report of the Committee
 - (c) GATT meetings and documentation
 - (d) Final position of the 1979 Budget
- 20. Council membership