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ADVANCE AGENDA

Circulated herewith is an advance agenda for the thirty-eighth 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 8 October 1982 in accordance with Rule 2 of the Rules of Procedure. The provisional agenda will be distributed by 18 October 1982.

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 any of these items. The minutes of Council meetings since the thirty-seventh session have been distributed in documents C/M/154 and subsequent documents.

2. Other activities of GATT

Under this item of the agenda, the CONTRACTING PARTIES will consider any other reports presented to them directly and will take action on any matters not dealt with under other agenda items.

3. Ministerial part of Session (24-26 November 1982)

Ministerial representatives are expected to examine the functioning of the multilateral trading system and to take any action necessary to support and improve it. A draft document will be presented to Ministers for consideration and adoption.

4. Dates of the thirty-ninth session

5. Election of officers

ANNEX

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

1. Arrangements for the thirty-eighth session
 - Progress reports of the Preparatory Committee on preparations for the Ministerial meeting
2. Notification, Consultation, Dispute Settlement and Surveillance
3. Consultative Group of Eighteen
4. Safeguards
5. Tariff matters
 - Committee on Tariff Concessions
6. Trade in textiles
7. Sub-Committee on Protective Measures
8. Structural Adjustment and Trade Policy
9. Balance-of-payments import restrictions
 - Consultations on balance-of-payments restrictions
 - (a) Arrangements for consultations in 1982
 - (b) Consultation with Brazil
 - (c) Consultation with Greece
 - (d) Consultation with Portugal
 - (e) Consultation with Yugoslavia
 - (f) Examination under simplified procedures
 - India, Pakistan and Tunisia
10. Emergency action - Article XIX
 - Australia - Article XIX actions on passenger motor vehicles and certain footwear

11. Trade restrictions affecting Argentina applied for non-economic reasons.
12. Documentation on Non-Tariff Measures
13. Recourse to Articles XXII and XXIII
 - (a) Canada - Foreign Investment Review Act (FIRA)
 - (b) European Economic Community
 - (i) Imports of citrus fruit and products
 - (ii) Subsidies on canned peaches, canned pears and raisins
 - (iii) Quantitative restrictions on imports of certain products from Hong Kong
 - (c) United States
 - (i) Imports of certain automotive spring assemblies
 - (ii) Prohibition of imports of tuna and tuna products from Canada
 - (iii) Import duty on vitamin B12
 - (iv) Copyright legislation, manufacturing clause
 - (d) Tax legislation
 - (i) United States tax legislation (DISC)
 - (ii) Income tax practices maintained by France
 - (iii) Income tax practices maintained by Belgium
 - (iv) Income tax practices maintained by the Netherlands
14. United States tax legislation (DISC)
 - Follow-up on the Report of the Panel
15. Working Party - Sugar
16. Customs unions and free-trade areas; regional agreements
 - (a) Second ACP/EEC Convention of Lomé

- (b) Biennial reports
 - (i) Agreements between the EEC and Austria, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Portugal, Sweden and Switzerland
 - (ii) Caribbean Common Market
 - (iii) New Zealand/Australia Free-Trade Agreement
 - (iv) Central American Common Market
 - (v) Agreement between Finland and Czechoslovakia
- 17. Waivers under Article XXV:5
 - (a) India - Auxiliary duty of customs
 - (b) Uruguay - Import surcharge
 - (c) Reports under waivers
 - United States - Agricultural Adjustment Act
- 18. Negotiations under Article XXVIII
 - Australia
- 19. Accession, provisional accession
 - (a) Thailand
 - (b) Tunisia
- 20. Switzerland - Review under paragraph 4 of the Protocol of Accession
- 21. Consultations on Trade
 - Hungary
- 22. De facto application of the General Agreement to newly-independent States
- 23. Liquidation of strategic stocks
- 24. United Kingdom - Tax practices on lease transactions
- 25. Relations between the United States and the European Economic Community
- 26. United States - Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act

27. Training activities
28. International Trade Centre
 - Joint Advisory Group
29. Administrative and financial question
 - (a) General Service category staff salaries
 - (b) Assessment of additional contribution to the 1982 budget and advance to the Working Capital Fund
 - (c) Committee on Budget, Finance and Administration
 - (i) Membership
 - (ii) Report
30. Council
 - (a) Membership and observer status
 - (b) Conduct of business