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ADVANCE AGENDA

Following is an advance agenda for the thirty-ninth 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 1983. In accordance with Rule 2 of the Rules of Procedure, the provisional agenda will be distributed by 17 October 1983.

1. Report of the Council

Annexed is 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. 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-eighth session have been distributed in C/M/165 and subsequent documents.

2. Activities of GATT

This item of the agenda would provide the CONTRACTING PARTIES with an opportunity to review major developments since the thirty-eighth session, including those related to the Action Programme resulting from the 1982 Ministerial Meeting, and to consider any reports, including that of the Committee on Trade and Development, submitted directly to the CONTRACTING PARTIES.

3. Dates of the fortieth session

4. Election of officers

ANNEX

The following subjects would be included in the report of the Council on work done since the thirty-eighth session. The final list would be modified to include other matters considered by the Council in the autumn prior to the session.

1. Action Programme resulting from the 1982 Ministerial Meeting
2. Reviews of developments in the trading system (special meetings of the Council on Notification, Consultation, Dispute Settlement and Surveillance)
3. Consultative Group of Eighteen
4. Tariff matters
 - GATT concessions under the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System
5. Trade in Textiles
 - Report of the Textiles Committee and Annual Report of the Textiles Surveillance Body
6. Structural Adjustment and Trade Policy
7. Balance-of-payments import restrictions
 - (a) Arrangements for consultations in 1983
 - (b) Notes by the Committee
 - (c) Consultation with Hungary
 - (d) Consultation with Israel
 - (e) Examination under simplified procedures
 - Consultations with Bangladesh, Ghana and the Philippines
8. European Economic Community - Import quota on softwood lumber products
9. Emergency action
 - (a) Canada - Article XIX actions on leather and non-leather footwear
 - (b) United States - Imports of certain motorcycles
10. United States - Imports of certain specialty steels
11. Trade restrictions affecting Argentina applied for non-economic reasons

12. Recourse to Articles XXII and XXIII
 - (a) European Economic Community
 - (i) Quantitative restrictions on imports of certain products from Hong Kong
 - (ii) Sugar régime
 - (iii) Imports of citrus fruit and products
 - (b) Japan
 - (i) Measures on imports of leather
 - (ii) Nullification or impairment of benefits accruing to the European Economic Community under the General Agreement and impediment to the attainment of GATT objectives
 - (c) United States
 - (i) Imports of certain automotive spring assemblies
 - (ii) Manufacturing clause
 - (iii) Imports of sugar from Nicaragua
 - (d) Status of work in Panels
13. United States tax legislation (DISC)
 - Follow-up on the report of the Panel
14. United States - Import duty on Vitamin B12
 - Follow-up on the report of the Panel
15. Customs unions and free-trade areas; regional agreements
 - (a) Accession of Greece to the European Communities
 - (b) Australia/New Zealand Closer Economic Relations Trade Agreement (ANZCERT)
 - (c) Biennial reports
 - (i) Calendar of biennial reports
 - (ii) Biennial reports considered by the Council
16. Waivers under Article XXV:5
 - (a) India - Auxiliary duty of customs
 - (b) Uruguay - Import surcharges
 - (c) Reports under waivers
 - United States - Agricultural Adjustment Act
17. Negotiations under Article XXVIII
 - (a) European Economic Community - Application of Article XXVIII to new products
 - (b) Portugal
18. Accession, provisional accession
 - Paraguay

19. Poland - Suspension of most-favoured nation treatment by the United States
20. Consultations on trade
 - (a) Hungary
 - (b) Romania
21. Canada - Customs valuation of imports of clothing from Hong Kong
22. Japan - Further opening of the Japanese market
23. Suspension of GATT obligations between the United States and Czechoslovakia
24. Training activities
25. International Trade Centre
 - Joint Advisory Group
26. Administrative and financial questions
 - Committee on Budget, Finance and Administration
 - (a) Report
 - (b) Final position of the 1982 Budget of the GATT
 - (c) Assessment of additional contributions to the 1982 Budget and advances to the Working Capital Fund
27. Council
 - (a) Membership
 - (b) Observer status
28. Arrangements for the thirty-ninth session.