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ADVANCE AGENDA

Following is an advance agenda for the fortieth 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 15 October 1984. In accordance with Rule 2 of the Rules of Procedure, the provisional agenda will be distributed by 22 October 1984.

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-ninth session have been distributed in C/M/174 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-ninth session, including those related to the Work Program 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 forty-first session

4. Election of officers

ANNEX

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

1. Work Program resulting from the 1982 Ministerial Meeting
2. Reviews of developments in the trading system (special meetings on Notification, Consultation, Dispute Settlement and Surveillance)
3. Consultative Group of Eighteen
4. Sub-Committee on Protective Measures
5. Tariff matters
6. Trade in Textiles
 - (a) United States - Imports of textiles and clothing
 - (b) Reports of the Textiles Committee and annual report of the Textiles Surveillance Body
7. Balance-of-payments import restrictions
 - (a) Arrangements for consultations in 1984
 - (b) Consultation with Brazil
 - (c) Consultation with Ghana
 - (d) Consultation with Nigeria
 - (e) Consultation with Hungary
 - (f) Consultation with Israel
 - (g) Examination under simplified procedures
 - Consultations with Peru, Tunisia and Turkey
 - Consultations with India and Yugoslavia
 - (h) The trading environment and balance-of-payments consultations
8. Emergency action
 - United States - Article XIX action on imports of certain specialty steels
9. United States - Imports of copper
10. Recourse to Articles XXII and XXIII
 - (a) Canada
 - Foreign Investment Review Act (FIRA)
 - (b) European Economic Community
 - Imports of newsprint from Canada
 - (c) Japan
 - (i) Measures on imports of leather
 - (ii) Measures affecting the world market for copper ores and concentrates

- (d) New Zealand
 - Imports of electrical transformers from Finland
 - (e) United States
 - (i) Imports of sugar from Nicaragua
 - (ii) Manufacturing Clause
11. European Economic Community - Quantitative restrictions on imports of certain products from Hong Kong
 - Follow-up on the report of the Panel
 12. United States - Imports of sugar from Nicaragua
 - Follow-up on the report of the Panel
 13. United States tax legislation (DISC)
 - Follow-up on the report of the Panel
 14. Customs unions and free-trade areas; regional agreements
 - (a) Biennial reports
 - (i) Agreement between the European Economic Community and Yugoslavia
 - (ii) Agreements between the European Economic Community and Austria, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Portugal, Sweden and Switzerland
 - (b) Australia/New Zealand Closer Economic Relations Trade Agreement (ANZCERT)
 15. Waivers under Article XXV:5
 - (a) India - Auxiliary duty of customs
 - (b) Uruguay - Import surcharges
 - (c) Reports under waivers
 - United States - Agricultural Adjustment Act
 16. [United States - Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act]
 17. Consultations on trade
 - Hungary
 18. Protectionism - Discussions related to certain US measures
 19. Poland - Economic management system
 20. Evolution of the GATT system - Suggestions by Jamaica
 21. Training Activities
 22. International Trade Centre
 - Joint Advisory Group

23. Administrative and financial questions
 - (a) Committee on Budget, Finance and Administration
 - (i) Assessment of additional contributions on Belize to the 1983 and 1984 Budgets and advance to the Working Capital Fund
 - (ii) Final position of the 1983 Budget of the GATT
 - (b) Deputy Director-General post
24. Observers
 - (a) Observer status in GATT
 - (b) Requests
 - (i) El Salvador
 - (ii) Costa Rica
 - (iii) Algeria
25. Conference rooms - Smoking
26. Arrangements for the fortieth session
 - Dates of the session.