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### ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

The following items are proposed for the Sixty-First Session of the Committee on Trade and Development.

1. Developments in the Uruguay Round

At its Sixtieth Session in November 1986 the Committee on Trade and Development had a first exchange of views on its rôle during the Uruguay Round. There appeared to be a general consensus that with the start of the Uruguay Round the Committee on Trade and Development should have an important rôle in keeping under review the progress of negotiations from the point of view of developing countries. It was understood that in carrying out this work, the Committee would not duplicate or interfere with the work of the negotiating bodies under the Trade Negotiations Committee. Under this item members of the Committee might wish to discuss specific questions or issues selected through informal consultations among delegations prior to each meeting. This approach could provide the necessary flexibility to adapt the work of the Committee as negotiations in the framework of the Uruguay Round move forward.

2. Review of developments in international trade

The Committee undertakes a regular review of developments in international trade having regard to the trade and payments position of developing countries, with particular reference to developments in trade in primary commodities. To provide a basis for discussion, delegations will have available a press release by the GATT secretariat giving an assessment of international trade in 1986 and current prospects (document GATT/1409). The Committee may also take into account the documentation prepared for the special meeting of the Council and which will be examined by the Council at its meeting on 16 June 1987.

In reviewing developments in international trade that have a bearing on the trade and payments position of developing countries the Committee might wish to focus on those aspects that are of particular relevance to the ongoing multilateral trade negotiations of the Uruguay Round.

3. Review of the implementation of the provisions of Part IV and operation of the Enabling Clause

According to its terms of reference, one of the main functions of the Committee on Trade and Development is to keep under continuous review the implementation of Part IV of the General Agreement. The Committee also has primary responsibility for the supervision of the implementation of the Decision on Differential and More Favourable Treatment, Reciprocity and Fuller Participation of Developing Countries. The last review of the implementation of the provisions of Part IV and the operation of the Enabling Clause was undertaken by the Committee at its Sixtieth Session in November 1986.

For the purpose of the review at this meeting, the Committee will have before it any notifications made by governments in regard to measures relevant to the implementation of Part IV and the operation of the Enabling Clause, in response to GATT/AIR/2417. The biennial report by the member countries of the Latin American Integration Association (LAIA) which are contracting parties to the GATT is being circulated as document L/6158.

4. Review of progress made in negotiations in areas of particular interest to least-developed countries

At the Sixtieth Meeting of the Committee in November 1986 there was a broad understanding with regard to the need to keep under continuous review issues in the Uruguay Round of particular interest to the least-developed countries in the light of paragraph (vii) of the Ministerial Declaration. Members of the Committee might wish to have an exchange of views on how best the work in regard to trade problems of least-developed countries could be organized.

5. Technical assistance to developing countries in the context of the Uruguay Round

At the conclusion of the Ministerial Meeting of Punta del Este, Ministers agreed that "technical support by the secretariat, adequately strengthened, should be available to developing countries participating in the negotiations". At its Sixtieth Session in November 1986 the Committee had an exchange of views on this subject on the basis of a secretariat note (COM.TD/W/445) providing information on the technical cooperation programme in GATT in the context of the Uruguay Round. The Committee may wish to review periodically the technical assistance activities undertaken in GATT in the context of the ongoing multilateral negotiations and decide upon further improvements in this area as appropriate.

5. Other matters

Delegations might wish to raise for discussion any other matters relevant to the work of the Committee.