

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

## TARIFFS AND TRADE

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### TRADE POLICY REVIEW MECHANISM

#### Outline Format for Country Reports for Least-Developed Countries

#### Decision of 16 May 1990

The Council:

Recalling its Decision of 19 July 1989 (L/6552) on the Outline Format for Country Reports to be submitted under the Trade Policy Review Mechanism,

Recognizing that, in view of the stage of institutional development of the least-developed countries, it may be burdensome for them to adhere to the outline format, and that the impact of a least-developed contracting party's trade policies and practices on the multilateral trading system, and on international trade, is likely to be minimal,

Decides that:

(i) Although reports by least-developed contracting parties should follow the model of the outline format approved by the Council on 19 July 1989, data which concern only a small proportion of total trade, or which cannot be collected without undue special effort, may be omitted.

(ii) In the reviews, particular attention will be paid to the wider economic and developmental needs, policies and objectives of the least-developed contracting party concerned, as well as to its external trading environment and to problems faced by it in external markets or otherwise affecting its export performance.

(iii) The Secretariat shall offer technical assistance to each least-developed contracting party in preparing its Country Report.

This decision shall be reviewed in the light of the experience gained from its application.