

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

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## TARIFFS AND TRADE

Special Distribution

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Preferential Arrangements  
Among Developing Countries  
Negotiated in GATT

COMMITTEE OF PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES

Summary of Discussions at Sixtieth Meeting  
held on 24 May 1991

Prepared by the Secretariat

1. The Committee of Participating Countries provided for in the Protocol Relating to Trade Negotiations Among Developing Countries held its sixtieth meeting on 24 May 1991, under the acting Chairmanship of Miss C. Figueroa (Uruguay).

2. The draft agenda circulated in document CPC/W/148 was adopted.

Expansion of trade among developing countries

3. The Chairman referred to paragraph 7 of the Summary of Discussions (CPC/111) of the last meeting. She recalled that the Committee had agreed to examine at the present meeting the question of the expansion of trade among developing countries and to consider the proposal concerning the advanced implementation of Uruguay Round concessions among participating countries within the framework of the Protocol. She added that notwithstanding the recent developments in the Uruguay Round it appeared to be timely to consider this proposal further. Several members of the Committee said that, in their view, the proposal for advanced implementation of Uruguay Round concessions among participating countries in the framework of the Protocol was a very positive and credit-worthy initiative that would reinforce and dynamize the operation of the arrangement. Recalling that the Round was at present in a low-gear technical phase where access to markets negotiations and the conditions for the implementation of concessions were still under consideration, these members stated that the adoption of a definite position in respect of this proposal would have to await progress in the Uruguay Round negotiations. In the meantime, this item should be kept on the Committee's agenda for further consideration at its next meeting. The Committee took note of the comments made and agreed to revert to this matter at its next meeting.

Certification of origin

4. The Chairman referred to document CPC/10/Addendum 42 which reproduces additional information concerning certification of origin submitted by Israel. At the request of a member, the representative of Israel undertook to provide the Export Station names omitted in pages 2 and 3 of document CPC/10/Addendum 42. The Committee took note of the additional information concerning certification of origin provided by Israel which had been circulated in document CPC/10/Addendum 42.

**Next meeting**

5. The Chairman indicated that the date for the next meeting of the Committee would be fixed in consultation with delegations and the secretariat in accordance with usual practice.