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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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

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

According to its terms of reference the Committee is keeping under continuous review the implementation of the provisions 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 Seventy-First Session in October 1991. 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/3327. The Committee will also have before it the notification on the Southern Common Market (MERCOSUR) (L/6985 and Add.1), a notification from the Latin American Integration Association (LAIA) on activities in 1989-1990 (L/6946), and a notification concerning the trade agreement between the Kingdom of Thailand and the Lao People's Democratic Republic (L/6947). A request has also been received to discuss under this item the question of extension of GSP treatment to Eastern European countries and former republics of the USSR.

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

The Committee reviews periodically the technical assistance provided by GATT to developing countries in the context of the ongoing multilateral trade negotiations. Governments and international organizations which provide technical assistance to developing countries in relation to work in the Uruguay Round are invited to keep the Committee periodically informed on activities which they have carried out as well as of facilities which are available under their programmes, in order to promote greater transparency and complementarity of these technical assistance activities. The last review of technical assistance provided by the GATT Secretariat was undertaken by the Committee at its Seventy-First Session in October 1991.

3. Work of the Sub-Committee on Trade of Least-Developed Countries

The Committee should appoint the Chairman of the Sub-Committee on Trade of Least-Developed Countries for 1992. Delegations will have the opportunity to raise any other matters of relevance to the work of the Sub-Committee under this item of the agenda.

4. Future work programme of the Committee on Trade and Development

At its Seventy and Seventy-First Sessions in June and October 1991 respectively, the Committee took up the question of its future rôle after the Uruguay Round. Many delegations stated that whatever the results of the negotiations, the Committee's rôle should be strengthened in future with a view to making its work more action-oriented. While it was generally felt that the discussion on this matter could best be pursued at a later date when the results of the Uruguay Round were known, the Chairperson invited the members of the Committee to start a process of reflection on the Committee's possible future rôle. At the Seventy-Second Session of the Committee, delegations might wish to have a further exchange of views on the future work programme of the Committee.

5. Other matters

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