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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF A GROUP OF LESS-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES ON 23 SEPTEMBER 1964

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1. The thirteenth meeting in the series of regular weekly meetings of a group of representatives of less-developed countries took place on 23 September 1964, under the Chairmanship of H.E. Mr. E. Letts, Ambassador of Peru.
2. The meeting was attended by the representatives of Argentina, Brazil, Central African Republic, Chile, India, Indonesia, Israel, Jamaica, Nigeria, Spain, United Arab Republic, Uruguay and Yugoslavia.
3. The group addressed itself to the following subjects:
 - to fix a date for the next meeting of the Committee on the Legal and Institutional Framework of GATT in Relation to Less-Developed Countries;
 - and
 - to establish a small group of less-developed countries to attend the informal discussions presided over by the Executive Secretary, on matters concerning the Model Chapter.
- A. To fix a date for the next meeting of the Committee on the Legal and Institutional Framework of GATT in Relation to Less-Developed Countries
4. It was recalled that the Chairman of the Committee on the Legal and Institutional Framework of GATT in Relation to Less-Developed Countries had stated, at the end of the meeting on 23 September 1964, that the meeting of the Committee would be reconvened early in October 1964, subject to the progress made in the discussions referred to above. After some discussion, the group decided that it was necessary that the next meeting of the Committee on the Legal and Institutional Framework of GATT should be fixed for 5 October 1964 and the date not left vague as at present. The Chairman of the group agreed to get in touch with the Chairman of the Committee on the Legal and Institutional Framework of GATT with a view to informing him of the wishes of less-developed countries in the matter.

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B. To establish a small group of less-developed countries to attend the informal discussions presided over by the Executive Secretary on matters concerning the Model Chapter

5. The group then took up the question of the nomination of a small group which would represent the interests of less-developed countries at the informal discussions. The representatives of Brazil, the Central African Republic, India, Israel, Jamaica and the United Arab Republic were nominated, it being understood that if the representative of the Central African Republic was unable to attend some of the informal meetings envisaged, due to other engagements, some other representative of a less-developed country, preferably from one of the States associated with the European Economic Community, would act as alternate. It was agreed that the task of the small group would be to enter into a dialogue with the industrialized countries with a view to having a better understanding of the problems involved and the proposals made rather than to negotiate. The small group would report to the main group of less-developed countries at the end of each meeting on the discussion held and would seek guidance and instructions on how to proceed on the issues discussed. It was also suggested that the possibility should be explored of representatives of less-developed countries attending the informal meetings as observers, if they so desired.

6. The next meeting of the group will be held on Monday 28 September 1964 at 10.00 am. in Salle XIV, Palais des Nations, Geneva.