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## PARTICIPATION OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS

The Secretary-General of UNCTAD has transmitted a resolution on the subject of the Multilateral Trade Negotiations adopted at the first part of the fourteenth session of the UNCTAD Trade and Development Board. The Board requested the Secretary-General of UNCTAD to transmit this resolution to the Trade Negotiations Committee, through the Director-General of GATT, for appropriate action.

The text of the resolution is given hereunder.

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### The Trade and Development Board,

Recalling resolution 76 (III) unanimously adopted at the third session of UNCTAD in which the Conference recognized the importance of the multilateral trade negotiations and the need to assist the developing countries in preparing for their full and effective participation in these negotiations, and in which it was also decided that the Committee on Manufactures should propose measures for the reduction, relaxation and elimination of non-tariff barriers affecting the exports of developing countries,

Recalling Conference resolution 82 (III), in particular the principles put forward by the developing countries on the multilateral trade negotiations, inter alia, "the negotiations shall provide the developing countries with additional benefits that represent a substantial and meaningful improvement of their position in international trade so that they secure an increasing share in the growth in international trade commensurate with the needs of their economic development ...",

Recalling further the Declaration of Ministers approved at Tokyo on 14 September 1973 in which it was decided that one of the aims of the multilateral trade negotiations is to "secure additional benefits for the international trade of

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developing countries so as to achieve a substantial increase in their foreign exchange earnings, the diversification of their exports, the acceleration of the rate of growth of their trade, taking into account their development needs",

Recalling the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order adopted by the General Assembly at its sixth special session, which proposed measures for the amelioration of the terms of trade of developing countries and concrete steps to eliminate chronic trade deficits of developing countries,

Appreciating the useful documentation so far prepared by the UNCTAD secretariat in connexion with the multilateral trade negotiations,

Recognizing that the negotiating process may require, at certain stages, private meetings and documentation,

Recognizing that, in pursuance of the decision taken by Ministers at Tokyo, the Trade Negotiations Committee is the body charged with the elaboration of arrangements relating to the participation of the Secretary-General of UNCTAD in the Trade Negotiations Committee,

1. Requests the Trade Negotiations Committee to co-operate in ensuring the full implementation of section D of Conference resolution 82 (III) in the light of the agreement reached by the Ministers at the opening of the multilateral trade negotiations at Tokyo, including assistance to enable all interested countries, in particular the developing countries, to participate effectively in the negotiations;

2. Requests the Trade Negotiations Committee to find solutions enabling the Secretary-General of UNCTAD:

- (a) to attend, as appropriate, meetings of the Trade Negotiations Committee and its subsidiary bodies; and
- (b) to receive relevant documentation from the GATT secretariat concerning the negotiations;

3. Requests the Secretary-General of UNCTAD to transmit this resolution to the Trade Negotiations Committee, through the Director-General of GATT, for appropriate action.

412th meeting  
13 September 1974