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# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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Consultative Group of Eighteen  
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## ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

It is suggested that at its seventh meeting the Consultative Group address itself to the following:

1. Recent developments in trade policies and international trade
2. The GATT after the Tokyo Round
3. Other business

### Item 1 - Recent developments in trade policies and international trade

Under this item the Group may wish to continue its review of the current situation and problems in international trade with particular regard to the present protectionist tendencies in specific sectors and the efforts that are being made to deal with the situation. The secretariat intends to make available to the Group a brief paper that may help the Group focus its discussion.

Under this item members of the Group would also have the opportunity to comment on the first issue of the GATT Survey of Developments in Commercial Policy.

### Item 2 - The GATT after the Tokyo Round

At the end of the Tokyo Round the CONTRACTING PARTIES would have to face a series of major trade policy problems and there will be need for a clear perception of the environment for international trade in the 1980's and of some of the major problems in the conduct of international trade relations to which the GATT may need to address itself. There are three areas on which it may be particularly necessary to focus attention:

- (a) the future trade policy responses to low growth rates, to monetary instability and to the need for structural adjustments;

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- (b) the future of the legal framework governing international trade;
- (c) the future institutions and procedures for the management of trade relations.

The Group may find it useful to have a first exchange of views on these matters so as to facilitate a more detailed discussion of these questions at the next session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES. The secretariat will provide a brief note on trade policies in the 1980's on which the Group may wish to base its discussion.

Item 3 - Other business