

**Committee on Trade and Development**

**DECISION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE  
WTO SUB-COMMITTEE ON LEAST-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES**

Adopted by the Committee on Trade and Development on 5 July 1995

"In the light of paragraph 7 of Article IV of the Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization, paragraph 5 of the Marrakesh Declaration, the Declaration on the Contribution of the World Trade Organization to Achieving Greater Coherence in Global Economic Policymaking and the Decision on Measures in Favour of Least-Developed Countries, the Committee on Trade and Development agrees to establish a Sub-Committee on Least-Developed Countries with the following terms of reference:

- (a) to give particular attention to the special and specific problems of least-developed countries;
- (b) to review periodically the operation of the special provisions in the Multilateral Trade Agreements and related Ministerial Decisions in favour of the least-developed country Members;
- (c) to consider specific measures to assist and facilitate the expansion of the least-developed countries' trade and investment opportunities, with a view to enabling them to achieve their development objectives;<sup>1</sup> and,
- (d) to report to the Committee on Trade and Development for consideration and appropriate action."

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<sup>1</sup>The Sub-Committee would give consideration, *inter alia*, to any report that the Committee on Agriculture may decide to refer to it following paragraph 6 of the "Decision on Measures Concerning the Possible Negative Effects of the Reform Programme on Least-Developed and Net Food-Importing Developing Countries" and Article XVI of the Agreement on Agriculture.