ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT

At their meeting on 26 November 1964 the CONTRACTING PARTIES decided that the Committee on Trade and Development should be established at the closing meeting of the Special Session and that the Council should decide upon the membership and chairmanship of the Committee.

The Council, at its meeting on 28 January, decided to recommend that the Committee be composed of the following countries:

Argentina  
Australia  
Austria  
Belgium  
Brazil  
Cameroon  
Canada  
Central African Republic  
Ceylon  
Chile  
Cuba  
Czechoslovakia  
Denmark  
Finland  
France  
Greece  
India  
Indonesia  
Israel  
Italy  
Jamaica  
Japan  
Kenya  
Madagascar  
Netherlands  
New Zealand  
Norway  
Pakistan  
Peru  
Portugal  
Rhodesia  
Spain  
Sweden  
Switzerland  
Tunisia  
Turkey  
Uganda  
United Arab Republic  
United Kingdom  
United States  
Upper Volta  
Uruguay  
Yugoslavia

The Council decided to recommend that the chairman of the Committee should be elected by the CONTRACTING PARTIES at their twenty-second session. The Council invited Mr. K.B. Lall (India) to preside at meetings of the Committee until the Chairman is elected.

Terms of reference  (as approved by the CONTRACTING PARTIES on 26 November 1964)

1. To keep under continuous review the application of the provisions of Part IV of the General Agreement;

2. To carry out, or arrange for, any consultations which may be required in the application of the provisions of Part IV;
3. To formulate proposals for consideration by the CONTRACTING PARTIES in connexion with any matter relating to the furtherance of the provisions of Part IV;

4. To consider any questions which may arise as to the eligibility of a contracting party to be considered as a less-developed contracting party in the sense of Part IV and to report to the CONTRACTING PARTIES;

5. To consider, on the basis of proposals referred to it by the CONTRACTING PARTIES for examination, whether modification of or additions to Part IV are required to further the work of the CONTRACTING PARTIES in the field of trade and development and to make appropriate recommendations;

6. To carry out such additional functions as may be assigned to the Committee by the CONTRACTING PARTIES.

Note

The Committee will take over the functions of Committee III, of the Action Committee and its subsidiary bodies and of the Working Party on Preferences and furthermore will deal with any outstanding issues, not finalized by the Legal and Institutional Committee, including:

(i) A review of Article XVIII, taking into account the Australian proposal (L/2165).

(ii) A review of Article XXIII, in the light of experience of its operation and taking into consideration the proposal by Brazil and Uruguay (L/2195/Rev.1, Annex 4) and any other proposals that may be put forward by contracting parties, and to the extent that such proposals would have fallen within the terms of reference of the Legal and Institutional Committee.

(iii) The proposal relating to the imposition of import surcharges by less-developed contracting parties to safeguard their balance of payments (L/2281, Annex II).