The Secretary-General of UNCTAD has advised me that at its Fifteenth Session the UNCTAD Trade and Development Board adopted a resolution (135(XV)) on Export Promotion. The text of this resolution is attached.

It will be noted from paragraph 1 of the resolution, that the concurrence of the GATT Council is sought and the matter is accordingly submitted to the Council for its consideration.
The Trade and Development Board,

Recognizing that the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/GATT has become the focal point in the United Nations system for development assistance in trade promotion (Economic and Social Council resolution 1819(LV)), and that, in this connexion, the Centre has, over the years, accumulated considerable expertise in the field of market information, market development and research related to products,

Taking note with appreciation of the report of the Joint Advisory Group on the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/GATT on its Eighth Session (ITC/AG/VIII/44),

Affirming that the Joint Advisory Group should examine in detail and deliberate upon the programme of market development and research related to products carried out yearly by the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/GATT,

1. Decides that, subject to the concurrence of the GATT Council, as from its Ninth Session the Joint Advisory Group shall have before it, in due time for examination, a comprehensive list of possible studies, relating to products, markets and subjects for technical manuals, based on suggestions from Governments, that the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/GATT may consider for implementation in its subsequent yearly programme of work, and that the Joint Advisory Group shall be responsible for advising on the final selection of priority studies to be carried out;

2. Requests the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/GATT to use also expertise from developing countries in the elaboration of marketing surveys and technical manuals;

3. Urges the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/GATT to examine as soon as possible the feasibility of extending marketing surveys to include more advanced manufactured goods of specific interest to groups of countries which could be mainly financed from United Nations Development Programme regional and inter-regional funds or trust fund contributions;

4. Invites traditional and other trust fund contributors to continue to support these activities in the best possible manner.