PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS SEPTEMBER/DECEMBER 1963

Note by the Executive Secretary

1. The following meetings have already been scheduled for the autumn:

   16-20 September    Committee on Budget, Finance and Administration
   7-18 October       Committee on Balance-of-Payments Restrictions
   21 October         Council
   22 October-15 November   CONTRACTING PARTIES - Twenty-first session.

2. In addition, provision will have to be made for meetings of the following:

   The Trade Negotiations Committee and its sub-committees on:
   The trade negotiating plan
   Agriculture
   Non-tariff measures.

   The Action Committee

   The Working Group on Preferences for Exports from the Less-Developed Countries

   The Committee on the Legal and Institutional Framework of the GATT in Relation to Less-Developed Countries

   Committee III

   Working Party on the African Common Market

   The Panel of Experts on the Recourse by Uruguay to Article XXIII.
   (This will be arranged in consultation with the members of the Panel.)
3. In addition it is probable that arrangements will have to be made for meetings of the following:

   The Group on Cereals
   The Group on Meat
   A Group on Dairy Products (if established)
   Working parties to deal with requests for accession
   The Cotton Textiles Committee.

4. In view of this heavy programme of meetings, and to enable the important work assigned to these various bodies to proceed as rapidly as possible, the Council might consider whether it would not be advisable to postpone the twenty-first session until late in February 1964, the final timing of the meeting to be fixed by the Council in the autumn. If it were decided to postpone the session, the Council might be convened late in November, to deal with any urgent matters requiring attention and also to process numerous routine matters with a view to expediting the work of the CONTRACTING PARTIES when the session is held. One urgent matter which would require attention would be the report of the Committee on Budget, Finance and Administration; this could be submitted to the Council which could arrange for the necessary draft resolution to be submitted to the CONTRACTING PARTIES by postal ballot.

5. If the Council approves the work programme as outlined above, the timetable for meetings for September to December might be drawn up as proposed in the Annex to this document.
The following programme is proposed with a view to sufficient time being left open for meetings of the Trade Negotiations Committee and its sub-committees, and for meetings of any of the bodies mentioned in paragraph 3 above. Probably a meeting of the Council should also be envisaged for September. If necessary the following times could be altered by the Council in order to meet the requirements of the Trade Negotiations Committee as envisaged at the close of the Committee's meeting in July.

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