ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Preliminary report of the Group of Three

Members of the Committee may wish to make comments on the report (W(71)2) and its recommendations or indicate any reactions and underline specific points of interest or put forward suggestions. Developing countries might wish to provide such additional information under the points dealt with by the Group as might be useful for its further work, including additional details on barriers notified in respect of which the Group of Three did not find that adequate information was available.

2. Implementation of Part IV

The Committee might wish to take note of any specific measures or developments in the trade policy field which are relevant to the implementation of Part IV.

The Committee might further wish to discuss arrangements for its annual review of the implementation of Part IV in the autumn against the background of the substantive conclusions and recommendations of the report of the Group of Three. Thus the Committee might wish to decide that reports on action taken by contracting parties in pursuance of the recommendations made by the Group would be part of the material for the review.

In the more general context of the annual review, members might wish to discuss whether the review could not be made more meaningful if countries would report not only on whatever positive measures they may have taken (e.g. removal of duties or restrictions on products of interest to developing countries) but also give precise reasons (such as social or legal) why certain barriers are maintained and any consideration that is being given to dealing with those barriers through individual or joint action. Countries might be asked to submit such expanded notifications to the autumn session of the Committee.

3. Work of subsidiary bodies

Residual import restrictions

The Committee could discuss, in the light of the Joint Working Group's report (L/3391/Rev.1) and the data supplied by the secretariat with respect to items not yet examined in the Group on Residual Restrictions (COM.TD/W/140), the further work programme of this Group, including suggestions concerning products that might be taken up for further examination.
Adjustment assistance

The Committee might take note of the discussions in the Expert Group held in May 1971 (COM.TD/81).

Tropical products

The Committee might wish to take stock of discussions already carried out in the Special Group on Trade in Tropical Products and any conclusions reached. It might also wish to take note of the documentation prepared by the secretariat for the use of the Group at its next meeting (SGTP/21 and Corr.1, SGTP/22 and SGTP/23) and any preliminary comments which delegations might make pending more detailed examination in the Group itself. The Committee might also discuss the future orientation of the work of the Special Group, including suggestions for further products to be examined.

4. Work in other GATT bodies

Tariff matters

The Committee might wish to be informed of the progress made in the Working Party on the Tariff Study from the point of view of the trade interests of developing countries.

Non-tariff barriers

The Committee might wish to discuss how the interests of developing countries could effectively be taken care of in the current work of the Sub-Groups of the Committee on Trade in Industrial Products relating to valuation, licensing, standards, etc.

5. Other matters

The Committee might wish to take note of any suggestions or comments that might be relevant to its future work.