At the twenty-eighth session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES it was agreed that at future meetings, the Committee on Trade and Development should focus attention on matters relevant to the interests of developing countries in the forthcoming trade negotiations. Accordingly, the agenda for the twenty-third session of the Committee might more particularly cover the following items.

1. Matters of interest to developing countries in the preparatory work for the trade negotiations

   (a) Tropical products

   Recent discussions on tropical products and suggestions made at the twenty-second session of the Committee on Trade and Development in relation in particular to special preferences and tariff escalation are reviewed. Members of the Committee might wish to consider what further work can usefully be taken up on tropical products in preparation for the trade negotiations.

   (b) Tariffs (including GSP)

   Tariff problems raised by developing countries in the Committee on Trade and Development are summarized. Reference is also made to suggested approaches to the reduction and elimination of tariffs on products of interest to developing countries in the Committee on Trade in Industrial Products, the secretariat note on the implications for developing countries of various suggested techniques and modalities for the negotiations (COM.IND/W/85), tabulations of particular interest to developing countries in the tariff study, and the data supplied to requesting developing countries in the form of country studies. In the light of this material, members of the Committee might wish to consider what further preparatory work could be undertaken. The information should be aimed at permitting developing countries to assess the implications for them individually or collectively of any approaches advanced in the tariff field in the Committee on Trade in Industrial Products and in other bodies and to identify their product interests.
(c) **Import restrictions**

Activities of the Joint Working Group on Import Restrictions, the Group on Residual Restrictions and the Group of Three in so far as import restrictions are concerned are reviewed. Work proceeding in the Agriculture Committee and Working Group 4 of the Committee on Trade in Industrial Products on this subject is also summarized.

Members of the Committee might wish to consider any suggestions for further work on import restrictions affecting the trade of developing countries in relation to preparations for the trade negotiations and how the matter might best be kept under review.

(d) **Other non-tariff barriers**

Developments in relation to work which has been undertaken on other non-tariff barriers of interest to developing countries are reviewed. On the basis of notifications, an attempt is also made to identify non-tariff barriers contained in the illustrative list relevant to the interests of developing countries which have not so far been selected for consideration on an *ad referendum* basis.

Members of the Committee might wish to offer comments and suggestions on the work programme concerning other non-tariff barriers having regard to the relevance of particular items to the trade of developing countries.

(e) **Safeguards**

Discussions on this subject in the Committee on Trade in Industrial Products and points raised at meetings of the Committee on Trade and Development are summarized. Members of the Committee may also wish to take note of the further work which will be carried out on the subject by the Committee on Trade and Industrial Products.

2. **Reciprocity**

A summary of past discussions on the question of non-reciprocity is provided. Members of the Committee may wish to make comments and suggestions that might serve to clarify the practical application to the trade negotiations of the provisions on the subject.

3. **Work programme of Group of Three**

The Committee will be informed of the work programme envisaged by the Group in accordance with the mandate given to it by the CONTRACTING PARTIES.

4. **Other matters** including any points arising out of the discussions in the Preparatory Committee.