The Committee on Trade and Development will hold its fifth session on 17-18 March 1966. In the light of the discussions at its previous sessions and in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee, the secretariat has drawn up a provisional agenda (COM.TD/13) for adoption at the opening of the session. The present secretariat note is intended to provide an indication of the background and the present state of discussion of items included in the provisional agenda, for reference by delegations.

1. Adoption of agenda

It is proposed that following the usual practice of the CONTRACTING PARTIES the meeting will begin by the adoption of an agenda on the basis of the provisional agenda (COM.TD/13).

2. Review of implementation of Part IV

(a) Reports by governments on action taken

At its fourth meeting held in December 1965, the Committee agreed to carry out at its fifth meeting a full review of action taken to implement Part IV. All contracting parties were invited to submit reports in this regard. The information received in response to this request, together with other relevant information submitted earlier by governments, is reproduced in document COM.TD/14.

(b) Other developments relevant to the Committee's work

The secretariat has been asked to submit a report containing information on developments, including developments in other international organizations, considered to be of relevance in the context of the reporting procedure adopted by the Committee. The note by the secretariat will, in the light of the discussions at the previous meeting of the Committee, contain references to the work being done and discussions held in GATT and elsewhere relating to the participation of less-developed countries in the Kennedy Round, international commodity trade problems, etc. The report will be circulated as COM.TD/17.
3. **Implementation of the 1963 Ministerial Conclusions**

   (a) **Trade in tropical products**

   At its last meeting the Committee asked for a note by the secretariat on the implementation of the Ministerial Conclusions on trade in tropical products (COM.TD/12, paragraph 16). The secretariat note will be distributed as COM.TD/18.

   (b) **Residual restrictions on products covered by the Programme of Action**

   At its last meeting the Committee asked the secretariat to submit a paper on action so far taken by governments in pursuance of the Ministerial Conclusions relating to the removal of residual restrictions (see COM.TD/12, paragraph 14). The secretariat note has been circulated as COM.TD/16.

4. **Residual import restrictions on products of interest to less-developed countries**

   The Committee, when approving the report of the Group on Residual Restrictions at its last meeting, agreed to the suggestion that reviews of residual restrictions on products of export interest to less-developed countries should be held periodically and that such periodic reviews and discussions with contracting parties maintaining the restrictions should cover all products notified by less-developed countries as being of export interest to them, including those notified in the context of the Kennedy Round. On the instructions of the Committee the secretariat has sent a questionnaire to the contracting parties concerned with a view to eliciting the necessary data relating to those restrictions which have not been covered in the review held in 1965. The secretariat note (COM.TD/B/4) contains a provisional list of such products, on which information has been requested from governments.

   Another secretariat note (COM.TD/19) contains certain suggestions for further action by the Committee on Trade and Development on residual restrictions affecting products in which less-developed countries notified an interest.

5. **Expansion of trade among less-developed countries**

   The Ad Hoc Group on the Expansion of Trade among Developing Countries has submitted an interim report to the Committee (COM.TD/D/3). Attention is drawn in particular to the suggestions and proposals in paragraphs 5 to 8 and 10 to 13 of that document.
6. Legal amendment to the General Agreement

(a) Article XXIII procedures

The Committee will have before it the report of the Ad Hoc Group on Legal Amendments (COM.TD/F/4) to which is attached a Draft Decision on procedures which might apply when Article XXIII is invoked by less-developed countries.

(b) Use of import surcharges for balance-of-payments reasons

The Ad Hoc Group on Legal Amendments has asked its Chairman to make an oral report to the Committee on the current state of its discussion of various proposals for insertion of provisions in Article XVIII to permit less-developed countries to use import surcharges for balance-of-payments reasons.

7. Adjustment assistance measures

The Committee will have before it the report of the Expert Group on Adjustment Assistance Measures (COM.TD/H/4).

8. Trade and aid studies

The Expert Group on Trade and Aid Studies, at its last meeting held concurrently with the fourth meeting of the Committee, concluded its discussion of the development plans of Nigeria and Uganda. The findings and recommendations formulated by the Group on the basis of the study of these two plans are contained in the Group's reports COM.TD/G/6 and COM.TD/G/7 respectively.

9. Trade information and trade promotion

The Group on Trade Information and Advisory Services which has been in existence since 1964 held its third meeting on 1 and 2 March 1966. The report of the Group will be available to the Committee for information (L/2574).

10. Programme of work and schedule of meetings

The Committee will have before it proposals concerning the date and venue of its next meeting.