The following items are proposed to be taken up for consideration at the Sixtieth Session of the Committee on Trade and Development.

1. **Review of developments in international trade**

   The Committee undertakes a regular review of developments in international trade having particular regard to the trade and payments position of developing countries and developments in trade in primary commodities. The last such review was carried out by the Committee at its Fifty-Ninth Session in May 1986, on the basis of document GATT/1382, a press release by the GATT secretariat giving its first assessment of international trade in 1985 and current prospects. For the review at the present meeting, delegations have available the document Prospects for International Trade (GATT/1392), the first chapter of the GATT Annual Report, International Trade 1985/86, embodying its main conclusions.

   Since the Sub-Committee on the Trade of Least-Developed Countries will not meet before the Sixtieth Session of the Committee on Trade and Development, the Committee may also wish to take note of the document Export Interests of the Least-Developed Countries (COM.TD/LLDC/W/16/Rev.1) issued in July 1986 and a secretariat note (COM.TD/W/446) on Recent Developments Relating to Trade Interests of Least-Developed Countries which is being issued.

2. **Review of the implementation of the provisions of Part IV and the operation of the Enabling Clause**

   According to its terms of reference, one of the main functions of the Committee on Trade and Development is to keep under continuous review the implementation of the provisions of Part IV of the General Agreement. The Committee also has primary responsibility for the supervision of the implementation of the Enabling Clause, i.e. the Decision on Differential and More Favourable Treatment, Reciprocity and Fuller Participation of Developing Countries. The last review of the implementation of the provisions of Part IV and the operation of the Enabling Clause was undertaken by the Committee at its Fifty-Ninth Session in May 1986 on the basis of a number of notifications made by Governments (Australia, Austria, EEC, Finland, Hungary, Japan, New Zealand, Switzerland, United States) in regard to commercial policy measures adopted by them, during the period under review, relevant to the implementation of the provisions of Part IV and the operation of the Enabling Clause.

   As part of its regular review of implementation of the provisions of Part IV, the Committee, at that Session, also had an exchange of views in regard to the programme of Part IV consultations instituted in pursuance of the decision taken by Ministers at the Thirty-Eighth Session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES.
For the purpose of the review at this meeting, the Committee will have before it any notifications made by governments in regard to measures relevant to the implementation of Part IV and the operation of the Enabling Clause, in response to GATT/AIR/2329. Members of the Committee may also wish to consider the question of the future of the programme of Part IV consultations, taking into account the major changes in the current work programme of the GATT that are likely to follow from the Ministerial Decision to launch the Uruguay Round of Multilateral Trade Negotiations.

3. Future Work of the Committee on Trade and Development including the role of the Sub-Committee on Trade of Least-Developed Countries and of the Sub-Committee on Protective Measures, in the light of the Ministerial Decision taken at Punte Del Este to launch the Uruguay Round of Multilateral Trade Negotiations

During the period of the Tokyo Round, the Committee played an active role in the discussions and examination of issues of interest to developing countries.

During the preparatory stage of the Tokyo Round the Committee examined questions of interest to developing countries in relation to safeguards, trade in agricultural products, tariffs, tropical products, quantitative import restrictions and other non-tariff measures, non-reciprocity. After the commencement of the MTN the Committee continued to follow and take note of developments in the MTN on the basis of background notes prepared by the secretariat and to act as a forum for discussion and exchange of views on these developments. It was generally agreed that in fulfilling this role the Committee should not undertake review functions which would overlap with the work of the Trade Negotiations Committee itself. In the course of its activity related to the MTN the Committee discussed questions such as non-reciprocity, differential treatment in favour of developing countries, issues arising in the negotiations on tropical products, transparency in the negotiations, procedures for adoption of decisions involving changes to GATT provisions, and the need for particular attention to be given to trade problems of the least-developed countries.

At its present Session, the Committee might wish to hold an initial exchange of views on the role it might play in the course of the Uruguay Round.

Similarly, the Committee might wish to examine the future roles of the Sub-Committees on the Trade of Least-Developed Countries and on Protective Measures.

(a) Sub-Committee on Trade of Least-Developed Countries

The Sub-Committee last met in October 1985 during which ad hoc consultations were held between the Republic of Sudan and its trading partners. There were also follow-up discussions on the previous consultations as well as discussions on proposals for further action in favour of the least-developed countries. For the purpose of the next meeting of the Sub-Committee, the secretariat has updated document COM.TD/LLDC/W/16 which contains information on tariffs, non-tariff
measures, as well as trade flows regarding products of export interest to the least-developed countries. Preparations have also been initiated with a view to a possible round of ad hoc consultations between other least-developed countries and their trading partners.

Amongst the General Principles agreed by Ministers for governing negotiations in the Uruguay Round it has been agreed that "Special attention shall be given to the particular situation and problems of the least-developed countries and to the need to encourage positive measures to facilitate expansion of their trading opportunities. Expeditious implementation of the relevant provisions of the 1982 Ministerial Declaration concerning the least-developed countries shall also be given appropriate attention." Members of the Committee may wish to have a preliminary exchange of views with regard to the possible role of the Sub-Committee on Trade of the Least-Developed Countries in monitoring and periodically assessing the progress in the negotiations from the point of view of the least-developed countries, in the light of the above general principle.

(b) Sub-Committee on Protective Measures

The Sub-Committee on Protective Measures has a mandate to monitor and examine protective actions by developed countries affecting imports from developing countries. The work of the Sub-Committee on Protective Measures forms an integral part of the regular annual review of the implementation of the provisions of Part IV and the operation of the Enabling Clause by the Committee on Trade and Development. The Sub-Committee had its last (eighth) meeting in October 1985, and the Committee on Trade and Development received a Report on this meeting of the Sub-Committee (COM.TD/SCPM/8) at its Fifty-Eighth Session in November 1985. In presenting this Report, the Chairman of the Sub-Committee had proposed that the Committee may wish to carry out, at an appropriate time, an examination of the future role of the Sub-Committee. Members of the Committee may wish to have an exchange of views on this subject, especially in view of the major changes in the current work programme of the GATT that are likely to result from the launching of the Uruguay Round of Multilateral Trade Negotiations.

4. Expansion of Trade Among Developing Countries

The Committee continues to serve as a forum for following developments in relation to the expansion of trade among developing countries. In this connection, it receives the Annual report of the Committee of Participating Countries concerning the operation of the Protocol Relating to Trade Negotiations Among Developing Countries. The Thirteenth Annual Report of the Committee of Participating Countries will be before the Committee.

5. Technical Assistance to Developing Countries

At the conclusion of the Ministerial Meeting of Punta Del Este, Ministers agreed that "technical support by the secretariat, adequately strengthened, should be available to developing countries participating in the negotiations". The secretariat is circulating a background note (COM.TD/W/445) for discussion on the action it proposes to take in pursuance of this understanding.
6. **Any other matters**

Delegations might wish to raise for discussions any other matters relevant to the work of the Committee.

7. **Adoption of the report**

The Committee will adopt its Report to the CONTRACTING PARTIES.