The Committee of Participating Countries provided for in the Protocol Relating to Trade Negotiations Among Developing Countries will hold its forty-fifth meeting on 26 May 1986, at 3 p.m. in the Centre William Rappard, 154 rue de Lausanne, Geneva. The meeting will also be open to delegations of countries having signed but not yet ratified the Protocol.

The following items have been proposed for inclusion in the agenda for the meeting.

1. **Accession of Bangladesh**

   In the light of a request by the representative of Bangladesh (CPC/81) for an extension of the duration of the Protocol of Accession of Bangladesh, on 27 March 1986 the Committee of Participating Countries, by postal ballot, decided in accordance with paragraphs 4 and 14 of the Protocol Relating to Trade Negotiations Among Developing Countries to extend the duration of the Protocol of Accession of Bangladesh until 28 March 1989 (CPC/83).

2. **Expansion of trade among developing countries** (paragraphs 3-11 of the Summary of Discussions at the last meeting (CPC/82)). At the last meeting, the Committee took note of the exchange of views concerning the proposal to liberalize the conditions of access for some additional items of interest to participating countries and stressed that the operational strengthening of the Protocol would not prejudice activities in other fora concerning economic cooperation among developing countries. The Committee agreed to invite interested participating countries to submit their respective lists of four or five items if possible by June 1986. Participating countries which intend to contribute to this preferential trade liberalization effort but which cannot yet submit a list were invited to communicate their intention by note to the secretariat. An additional list of items submitted by a participating country was circulated recently. Members of the Committee may wish to exchange views on matters relevant to this agenda item.

3. **Certification of origin**. Additional information concerning certification of origin provided by Israel has been circulated in documents CPC/10/Add.19 and 20.

4. **Participation of Spain** (paragraphs 12-13 of the Summary of Discussions of the last meeting (CPC/82)). At the last meeting, the Committee agreed to invite the Spanish authorities to inform the Committee of their intentions with respect to participation in the Protocol and to revert to this matter at its next meeting.

5. **Other business**