The Committee of Participating Countries provided for in the Protocol Relating to Trade Negotiations Among Developing Countries will hold its fifty-sixth meeting on 6 December 1989 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 this meeting:

1. Expansion of trade among developing countries (paragraphs 3-9 of the Summary of Discussions (CPC/103) of the last meeting). At the last meeting the Committee took note of the comments and suggestions made by members and agreed to revert to the question of the expansion of trade among developing countries at its next meeting. On the understanding that all options would remain open, the Committee agreed to invite the secretariat to elaborate a draft note outlining possible procedures that might be followed to exchange additional tariffs and trade concessions in the framework of the Protocol and to seek credit for those concessions in the Uruguay Round. The secretariat has circulated a note which contains preliminary suggestions for consideration by the Committee. Members of the Committee may wish to review developments and exchange views on matters relevant to this agenda item.

2. Protocol for the Accession of Bangladesh. The request submitted by Bangladesh for a further extension of the Protocol of Accession as well as a draft decision for consideration by the Committee of Participating Countries are reproduced in document CPC/105.

3. Term of office of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman (CPC/47). Having regard to the comments made by members at the last meeting concerning the proposal to extend to one year the term of office of the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman, the Committee will revert to this matter at the present meeting.

4. Other business.