THIRTY-FIRST GATT COMMERCIAL POLICY COURSE OPENS IN GENEVA

The thirty-first Commercial Policy Course organized by GATT will open on 1 February. The course, for English-speaking officials, will run until 15 June. There are twenty-one participants, drawn from the same number of countries.

The GATT secretariat has organized such commercial policy courses in Geneva twice a year since 1955. Their purpose is to enable government officials, mostly drawn from developing countries, to become familiar with the functioning of GATT and to study problems of trade and development policy. The participants hold, or are expected to hold in the future, positions which give them responsibilities in the formulation and conduct of foreign trade policy in their countries.

Fellowships for these courses are provided by the United Nations Development Programme. For this course, the fellowships have for the first time been granted within the framework of an interregional project.

Over the last fifteen years, 322 officials from seventy-nine countries have participated in the commercial policy courses. The courses are conducted by officers of the GATT secretariat with the participation of guest lecturers from governments, other international organizations and academic institutions.

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