TWENTY-EIGHTH SESSION OF GATT CONTRACTING PARTIES

The Contracting Parties to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade will hold their twenty-eighth session in Geneva from 1 to 14 November 1972.

The provisional agenda for the session provides opportunities for the trading nations to discuss all current problems of world trade and trade policy.

Under the heading "expansion of international trade", governments will be able to review the current trade expansion programme of GATT and to consider its further development. Guidance for this review will be available to them in reports drawn up by the principal GATT committees. These reports pay particular attention to the various techniques and modalities which might be adopted for the multilateral trade negotiations which are to take place in GATT in 1973, and to possibilities for action to meet the particular trade problems of developing countries.

A second major item on the agenda is "Review of international economic relations". Under this item the Contracting Parties are expected to debate the major current issues of international trade policy and trade relations.

Finally, the report of the GATT Council will provide an opportunity to examine and comment upon any of the numerous specific questions which have been taken up in the Council since the twenty-seventh session in November 1971.

The Chairman of the Contracting Parties is H.E. Ambassador Giorgio Amoquina, permanent Representative of Italy to the office of the United Nations and the other international organizations at Geneva.

The session of the Contracting Parties is the highest body of GATT.

Note to editors: All sessions of the Contracting Parties are private. Accredited cameramen and television crews will, however, be admitted to the main meeting room (Salle XVI of the Palais des Nations) to film the opening of the first plenary session at 15.00 on 1 November. All press enquiries should be addressed to the GATT Information Service (34.60.11. extension 4430 or - during sessions - extension 4343).