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Training Courses in GATT will Stress
Results of Tokyo Round Negotiations

Finland, Norway and Sweden are to provide financial sponsorship for two special courses to help the least-developed countries assess the benefits stemming from the Tokyo Round of multilateral trade negotiations. The courses will be organized by the GATT secretariat. The International Trade Centre UNCTAD/GATT will be associated with this project.

Each of the three-week courses will be intended for 25-30 government officials, mainly drawn from the least-developed countries. They will be held in January-February and July-August 1980. The courses will cover an introduction to GATT, the results of the Tokyo Round negotiations, and in particular the codes of conduct adopted during the negotiations and their implications for the countries participating in the courses.

The Nordic announcement pointed out that the results of the Tokyo Round will constitute the framework for international trade for a number of years ahead, and that their potential importance in different areas will vary according to the specific needs and trade structures of individual developing countries. Most of the agreements negotiated envisage the provision of technical assistance, especially to help developing countries to benefit from their potential advantages. The courses are intended to enable the participating countries to assess the benefits stemming from the negotiations. Their sponsorship is regarded by the Nordic countries as a contribution to the objective, set out in the Tokyo Ministerial Declaration which launched the negotiations, of giving special consideration to the problems of the least developed among the developing countries.

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