A detailed report on the Tokyo Round by Mr. Olivier Long, Director-General of GATT, is released today.

The report, "The Tokyo Round of Multilateral Trade Negotiations" provides, in the words of Mr. Long, "a record of the developments in the negotiations, the issues that arose, and the results that have been achieved as far as can be assessed at the present time."

The report, of nearly 200 pages, is divided into two parts, dealing respectively with the negotiations themselves and with their results.

Part I opens with an account of the political, economic and technical background to the negotiations. It then gives a history of their launching in Tokyo in September 1973, and of the five and a half years of work up to the present time. Separate chapters on agriculture, tropical products, tariffs, non-tariff measures, the sector approach, the multilateral safeguard system and the framework for conduct of international trade provide a detailed account of the problems faced in each area, the negotiating approaches attempted and the course of the detailed negotiations, bringing out the differing views that had to be reconciled.

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Part II, "Results of the Negotiations", provides the first thorough survey of the agreements that have emerged from the Tokyo Round. There is a full computer-based analysis of the tariff reductions agreed upon, including a lengthy section focussing on the results as they affect developing countries. (The methodology of this analysis is explained in an annex to the report). Details are then given of the main features of the various multilateral agreements reached in the area of non-tariff measures and in the "framework" negotiations.

The final - and longest - chapter of this part of the report provides a detailed analysis of the results in each area of the Tokyo Round as they are likely to affect developing countries. It deals successively with the relevant results of the negotiations on tropical products, non-tariff measures, agriculture, and the international framework for world trade.