THE THIRTY-FIFTH SESSION OF GATT CONTRACTING PARTIES

26-30 November 1979

The Thirty-Fifth Session of the Contracting Parties to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade will be held in Geneva from 26-30 November 1979. The Chairman of the Contracting Parties is Ambassador Juan José Real (Uruguay).

This session is of special importance because the Contracting Parties will have before them the results of the Tokyo Round of multilateral trade negotiations, and will discuss any follow-up action that may be necessary.

The Contracting Parties will also review the annual report of the GATT Council of Representatives, which acts on urgent or current matters on behalf of the Contracting Parties during the interval between their sessions. Its report records action on about fifty specific matters which came before the Council at its meetings since the thirty-fourth session in November 1978.

As in previous years, the session will provide an opportunity to review major developments in trade and trade policy over the past twelve months. Member countries are expected to discuss the tasks facing GATT, following completion of the Tokyo Round. They will also consider the report of the Committee on Trade and Development, which is charged with following and furthering GATT's work on behalf of developing countries.

A total of 84 governments\(^1\) are now contracting parties to GATT, and together account for about 85 per cent of world exports. A further 33 countries apply the GATT rules in their trade.

\(^1\)Listed in press release GATT/1248, also issued today.