SIXTY-FIFTH GATT TRADE POLICY COURSE
OPENS IN GENEVA

Twenty-four officials from developing countries are taking part in the Sixty-Fifth GATT Trade Policy Course which begins today and will end on 7 June 1988. The course, to be conducted in Spanish, will emphasize the issues under consideration in the Uruguay Round of trade negotiations.

Since the programme began in 1955, the GATT trade policy courses have benefited 1,049 officials from 113 countries and ten regional organizations. The courses are aimed at giving participants greater understanding of trade policy matters, the work being done by GATT, major problems of international trade and agreements which have resulted from past multilateral negotiations in GATT.

Following a decision at the 1982 GATT Ministerial Meeting to increase the number of fellowships, twenty-four are granted for each course. Fellowships are open to officials from developing countries (including those who are not members of GATT) who have, or may in the future have, responsibilities in the formulation and conduct of foreign trade policies. Governments are regularly invited to nominate candidates for the courses.

The courses have a practical orientation and are designed to help officials prepare themselves for the tasks awaiting them in their own administrations. Activities include practical work, seminars, group discussions, a workshop on negotiation techniques, simulated negotiations and attendance at official meetings.

Halfway through the programme, participants will undertake a short study tour in Switzerland, which will include visits to industries and institutions connected with foreign trade. Towards the end of the course, there will be a study tour of a similar nature in a foreign country.

In addition to GATT Secretariat officials, many guest lecturers are invited to contribute, including senior officials of government delegations and international organizations as well as academics.

The GATT Secretariat organizes two courses in Geneva each year: between February and June, and between August and December. The courses are in English, French or Spanish.
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