SIXTY-SEVENTH GATT TRADE POLICY COURSE OPENS IN GENEVA

Twenty-four officials from twenty-three developing countries and one regional organization are taking part in the sixty-seventh GATT Trade Policy Course which begins today and will end on 13 June 1989. The course, to be conducted in French, 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 1,090 officials from 114 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.

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 the preparation of practical work, participation in seminars, group discussions, simulated negotiations and attendance at official meetings.

During the Course participants will undertake a study tour in a foreign country which will include visits to industries and institutions connected with foreign trade. There will also be a short study tour of a similar nature in Switzerland.

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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