SEVENTY-THIRD GATT TRADE POLICY COURSE OPENS IN GENEVA

The seventy-third GATT trade policy course, in Spanish, was inaugurated today. Twenty-three officials from developing countries from Central and South America and one from Africa are participating in the course, which will end on 5 May 1992.

The GATT Secretariat regularly organizes trade policy courses in Geneva in English, French and Spanish. 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. They are open to officials from developing countries, including countries which are not members of GATT, who have responsibilities in the field of formulation and conduct of foreign trade policy. 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. Apart from a series of lectures on GATT law and the work of the GATT, the course programme includes participation in seminars, group discussions, a workshop on negotiating techniques, simulated trade negotiations and attendance at official GATT meetings.

During the course, participants undertake a study tour in Switzerland and a study tour in a foreign country which include visits to institutions and enterprises connected with foreign trade.

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

Since the programme began in 1955, 1,244 officials from 116 developing countries and ten regional organizations have participated in the trade policy courses. These figures do not cover the 24 senior trade officials from seven countries of Eastern and Central Europe who participated in a special course organized by GATT, for the first time in 1991, with the financial support of the Swiss Government.
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