The seventy-fifth GATT trade policy course, in French, was inaugurated today. Twenty-four officials from developing countries from different parts of the world are participating in the course, which will end on 30 April 1993.

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 issues and questions which are the subject matter of the current round of multilateral trade 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, a simulated trade negotiations exercise, another simulated negotiation exercise on dispute settlement 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, 1,294 officials from 118 developing countries and ten regional organizations have participated in the trade policy courses. These figures do not include the 48 senior trade officials from Eastern and Central European countries who participated in the two special courses organized by GATT in 1991 and 1992, with the financial support of the Swiss Government.
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