GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

SPECIAL GATT STUDY COURSE FOR OFFICIALS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Starting on Monday, 6 February, a group of government officials from African countries will participate in a special course of studies on the subject of trade policy from the point of view of economic planning. Senior GATT officials will direct the course and will give daily lectures from 6 to 10 February, followed by discussion periods.

This course is part of the African Training Programme sponsored by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs and the United Nations Bureau of Technical Assistance Operations.

The participants, who are all concerned with economic and financial affairs, are officials of the governments of Ghana, Guinea, Liberia, Libya, Morocco, Nigeria, Somalia, Sudan, Togo, Tunisia, UAR/Egypt and UAR/Syria.

The subjects that will be dealt with during the course are (a) the importance of trade policy for economic development (b) the essential aims of trade policy for countries in process of development (c) economic and statistical methods designed to guide the production of exportable goods according to their export possibilities in foreign markets (d) the operation of a multilateral system of trade policy as defined in the GATT and (e) methods of regional integration and problems related thereto.

In addition to the officials sponsored by the United Nations, a group of diplomats who are in Geneva under the auspices of the Carnegie Foundation Diplomatic Training Programme, organized by the Graduate Institute of International Studies, will participate in this course. These diplomats come from Congo (Leopoldville), Cameroon, Guinea, Indonesia, Morocco, Pakistan, Togo and the West Indies.

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