SUBJECT: FORTIETH SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT

1. The Fortieth Session of the Committee on Trade and Development will be held on 6 and 7 March 1980 commencing at 10 a.m. on 6 March in the Centre William Rappard, 154, Rue de Lausanne, Geneva.

2. Having regard to the overall GATT work programme as contained in Document L/4884/Add.1 and the decisions adopted by the contracting parties at their thirty-fifth session, the Committee is expected to address itself to how the various elements in its work programme might be taken up, particularly with respect to:

1. Work on trade policy and development policies including trade liberalization in areas of special interest to developing countries;

2. Its primary responsibility for supervision of the implementation of the decision on differential and more favourable treatment, reciprocity and fuller participation of developing countries (L/4903);

3. Implementation of the decision of the contracting parties on the examination of protective measures affecting imports from developing countries (L/4899);

4. Work on structural adjustment and trade of developing countries; and

5. Special attention to the special problems of least developed countries.

3. Background notes on these matters are being issued by the Secretariat for the meeting.

4. Members of the Committee and other contracting parties, associated governments and intergovernmental organizations wishing to be represented by observers are requested to advise me as early as possible of the names of their representatives. Non-GATT developing countries which participated in the multilateral trade negotiations also wishing to be represented by observers are likewise requested to advise me as early as possible of the names of their representatives.

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