SUBJECT: SUB-COMMITTEE ON PROTECTIVE MEASURES

1. As indicated in the note on proceedings of the fortieth session of the Committee on Trade and Development (COM.TD/104), the sub-committee on protective measures, established by a decision of the contracting parties in November 1979 to examine any case of future protective action by developed countries against imports from developing countries in the light of relevant provisions of the GATT, particularly Part IV thereof, is expected to hold its first meeting shortly before the mid-year session of the Committee on Trade and Development, which is normally scheduled for July.

2. It was understood that the sub-committee, at its first meeting would examine any notifications or information that might have been presented to it by that time and would also give such further attention to working out more detailed procedures as may be considered necessary (COM.TD/104, Paragraph 20).

3. With a view to ensuring that any notifications of protective measures taken after November 1979 by developed countries, or "reverse": notifications by developing countries, are available sufficiently in advance of the meeting of the sub-committee (the exact date to be communicated following consultations with the chairman and delegations), interested delegations are invited to submit any such notifications to the secretariat no later than 23 May 1980 for circulation. Further details with respect to the submission of notifications may be found in Paragraph 20 of COM.TD/104.

4. It might be noted that in accordance with the decision of the contracting parties (L/4899), membership of the sub-committee is open to all contracting parties. Developing countries not contracting parties to GATT may, upon notification to the Director-General, participate in the proceedings of the sub-committee in an observer capacity.

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