
1. Paragraph I of the decision taken by Ministers at the Thirty-Eighth Session of the Contracting Parties concerning GATT rules and activities relating to developing countries and Paragraph I of the Annex to this decision provide for a programme of consultations with Contracting Parties individually or collectively, as appropriate, to determine how individual Contracting Parties have responded to the requirements of Part IV.

2. At its Forty-Ninth Session on 8 March 1983 the Committee on Trade and Development established procedures for carrying out these consultations (COM.TD/114, Paragraphs 2-6 of Annex). It was agreed that there should not be any unnecessary duplication of work between the programme of consultations and the regular annual review of Part IV and the enabling clause and the examination in the sub-committee on protective measures of new protective action by developed countries affecting imports from developing countries.

3. In accordance with the programme of consultations set by the Committee on Trade and Development, consulting countries will be invited at the appropriate time to submit information relevant to the consultations. It will also be open for other Contracting Parties to submit any information which they consider pertinent to the exercise.

4. In addition, Contracting Parties are hereby invited to make a single annual notification containing information not covered in the programme of country consultations undertaken in the current period, but relevant to the regular annual review of the implementation of Part IV and the operation of the enabling clause, and also to the work of the sub-committee on protective measures. It is open for Contracting Parties to make additional notifications during the course of the year should they so wish. Contracting Parties are requested to submit all notifications not less than forty-five days before the date of the relevant meeting.

5. The Secretariat will issue additional airgrams during the year to draw the attention of Contracting Parties to the dates of meetings of the Committee on Trade and Development and the sub-committee on protective measures.

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