SUBJECT: COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT-AD HOC GROUP FOR THE EXAMINATION OF PRODUCTS OF INTEREST TO LESS-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES - PREPARATIONS FOR NEXT MEETING

1. AT ITS MEETING HELD FROM 5-7 MAY THE GROUP DECIDED, INTER ALIA, ON A SCHEME FOR THE PRESENTATION OF DATA RELATING TO PRODUCTS OF EXPORT INTEREST TO LESS-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. IN THIS CONNEXION THE GROUP INVITED CONTRACTING PARTIES TO MAKE AVAILABLE CERTAIN ADDITIONAL DATA TO COMPLETE THE INFORMATION ALREADY REQUESTED UNDER GATT/AIR/455, OF 15 APRIL 1965. ACCORDINGLY, CONTRACTING PARTIES ARE INVITED TO SUPPLY THE SECRETARIAT, AT THEIR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE BUT NOT LATER THAN 10 JUNE, WITH THE FOLLOWING DATA IN RESPECT OF THE THIRTY-NINE PRODUCT CATEGORIES SET OUT IN DOCUMENT COM.TD/W.1/Rev.1 AND ADDENDA:

   (i) PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION

   WHERE THE NOTIFICATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE IN RELATION TO THE WHOLE OF A TARIFF ITEM GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED ARE INVITED TO INDICATE THE SPECIFIC ITEM, OR ITEMS, OF INTEREST TO THEM;

   (ii) EXPORTS

   WHERE A COUNTRY HAVING NOTIFIED ITS EXPORT INTEREST IN A PARTICULAR PRODUCT HAS NOT YET SUPPLIED EXPORT DATA IN RESPECT OF THE PRODUCT CONCERNED, THE RELEVANT DATA. GOVERNMENTS ARE ALSO REQUESTED TO SUPPLEMENT SUCH DATA WITH INFORMATION ON RECENT AND PROJECTED INCREASES IN EXPORTS FOR ATTENTION OF THE GROUP;

   (iii) PRODUCTION

   WHERE APPLICABLE, AN INDICATION AND RELEVANT DETAILS REGARDING PLANS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT, OR RAPID INCREASE, IN PRODUCTION OF ITEMS CONCERNED, PARTICULARLY BY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES HAVING NOTIFIED THESE PRODUCTS AS OF EXPORT INTEREST TO THEM;

   (iv) CONSUMPTION

   CONSUMPTION DATA, PARTICULARLY FROM DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, IN RESPECT OF THE THIRTY-NINE PRODUCT CATEGORIES;

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(v) **IMPORTS**

An indication, particularly from developed countries, regarding import trends in respect of the different commodities concerned, as well as data showing the share of imports of these commodities in total consumption;

(vi) **TRADE BARRIERS**

Any relevant information governments are in a position to supply in regard to policies and prospects for promoting imports from less-developed countries.

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