SUBJECT: EXPERT MEETING OF THE TRADE NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

On 24 June, the Trade Negotiations Committee of Developing Countries agreed that, with a view to identifying, in the light of the trading patterns and potentialities, specific products upon which concessions could usefully be negotiated, participating governments should enter into consultations with each other on the indicative lists already exchanged between them. At the last meeting of the Committee, on 12 September, the Committee reviewed the progress so far made and urged the participating governments to accelerate the process of mutual consultation. It was further agreed that in the two weeks from 14 to 25 October the participating countries which have exchanged lists and other participating countries wishing to do so should take part in an intensive series of meetings to discuss with each of the participating countries in turn the products on which it is interested in obtaining concessions and products on which it has been requested to consider the granting of concessions.

The Committee has urged that the participating countries should in so far as possible arrange to have available in Geneva during this period technically qualified personnel for this purpose, the presence of experts from headquarters being likely to be of particular value.

This phase of the Committee's work will begin with a meeting of all participating countries at 3 p.m. on 14 October, in Room B, International Labour Office, 154 Rue de Lausanne, Geneva.

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