MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE INFORMAL GROUP OF 
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ON 21 NOVEMBER 1966

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1. The fifty-first in a series of weekly meetings of the informal group of developing countries in GATT was held on 21 November 1966. The meeting was attended by the representatives of Brazil, Chile, Cuba, India, Indonesia, Israel, Jamaica, Republic of Korea, Nigeria, Pakistan, Tunisia, the United Arab Republic, Uruguay and Yugoslavia.

2. As agreed at the previous meeting, the group considered some of the suggestions of the Indian delegation on non-tariff measures for the expansion of trade among developing countries. The representative of India recalled the reasons which he had advanced at the previous meeting in proposing the resumption of discussion of those suggestions, and expressed the view that the Group on the Expansion of Trade Among Developing Countries should be asked to reconvene at an early date to discuss further points (f), (g), (i) and (j) in paragraph 10 of COM.TD/D/3. The Indian delegation considered that especially on these points, it was essential that developing countries establish a dialogue as soon as possible with the developed countries so that further deliberations would be based on a firm knowledge of the latter's attitude and practical possibilities.

3. A number of representatives supported this view. Some also suggested that these questions could best be studied by a small group of experts from both developed and developing countries. One member suggested that, in studying the question of establishing funds for financing inter-developing country trade, the group should take account of the experiences of other institutions dealing with development and trade financing, such as the Inter-American Development Bank, and that the secretariat should try to obtain information on their activities.

4. In the light of this discussion, it was agreed that developing countries should request that the Group on the Expansion of Trade Among Developing Countries be reconvened in the near future to discuss further the four points mentioned in paragraph 2 above. It was noted that developing countries might wish to propose in the Group the establishment of a small group of experts to carry out an analytical study of the matters involved with the aid of any necessary documentation from the secretariat, taking into account any relevant studies or discussions which might have taken place elsewhere.