The Chairman of the Informal Group of Developing Countries in GATT presents his compliments and, with reference to the preliminary report of the Group of Three (W(71)2), wishes to advise that he has been informed by the Chairman of the Group of Three that a second series of consultations will be carried out with developed countries early in the autumn with a view to finalizing the report of the Group for submission to a meeting of the Committee on Trade and Development well in advance of the next session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES in November 1971.

In the absence of a complete picture of all the facts and issues involved, it will be appreciated that the Group may not be in a position to ensure that all the trade interests of developing countries, both specific and general, will be adequately covered and that the most effective use is made of the consultations to seek satisfactory solutions to their problems.

In the light of the foregoing, while the forthcoming meeting of the Committee on Trade and Development will provide an opportunity for putting forward suggestions or comments, developing countries should find it in their interest to make every effort to inform the Chairman of the Group of Three in writing by 1 September of any suggestions or ideas not covered in the preliminary report of the Group, which they would wish to be discussed in the consultations with developed countries, as well as their views on those recommendations and suggestions in the preliminary report of the Group to which they attach particular importance.

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