When examining the report of the July 1970 meeting of the Special Group on Trade in Tropical Products, the seventeenth session of the Committee on Trade and Development invited the Group to continue its discussions with a view to seeking solutions to the problems of trade in tropical products. In its discussion of the items suggested below, the Special Group will no doubt wish to take note of any comments or observations made by the Group of Three.

1. **General review of situation in regard to products under consideration**

   Recent market developments and action in other international organizations concerning coffee, cocoa, tea, bananas, spices, vegetable oilseeds and oils, and natural rubber are reviewed in secretariat notes SGTP/23 and Add.1. With respect to the products mentioned above, notes by the secretariat (SGTP/22, Corr.1 and Add.1) contain details of certain commercial policy measures taken by governments in the fields of quantitative restrictions, import duties and internal charges as well as indicative or substantive offers under the generalized system of preferences for developing countries.

2. **Matters arising from the July 1970 meeting of the Special Group**

   (a) **Internal charges and revenue duties**

   At the last meeting of the Special Group, developing countries submitted proposals concerning internal taxes on tropical products (SGTP/20, paragraph 33) and the hope was expressed that positive and concrete responses to these proposals could be given at the next meeting of the Group. More recent developments concerning internal taxes are contained in SGTP/22 and Add.1.

   (b) **New and improved forms of natural rubber**

   Consideration was given at the last meeting of the Special Group to import duties imposed on new and improved forms of natural rubber on the basis of background information contained in SGTP/16 and SGTP/16/Add.1. Action under consideration in a number of countries was welcomed and the hope was expressed that progress in this direction could be reported to the next session of the Special Group (SGTP/20, paragraph 21). Developments in relation to rubber under the generalized system of preferences for developing countries are indicated in SGTP/22 and Corr.1.
(c) **Quantitative restrictions, import duties and internal charges on vegetable oilseeds, oils and oilcake**

At the last meeting of the Special Group, representatives of developing countries suggested that the secretariat should prepare information on this subject (SGTP/20, paragraph 32). Background information is contained in SGTP/21 and SGTP/21/Corr.1. More recent developments affecting vegetable oilseeds, oils and oilcake are outlined in SGTP/22 and Add.1.

3. **Other matters**

The Group might wish to discuss any additional points which delegations might wish to propose for consideration.