DRAFT OUTLINE OF PLAN FOR PARTICIPATION OF
LESS-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES IN THE TRADE NEGOTIATIONS

It is proposed that:

1. Less-developed countries which intend to participate in the trade negotiations in terms of the Principles laid down in the Ministerial Resolution of 21 May 1963 and of the Conclusions embodied in the Ministerial Resolution of 6 May 1964, would formally notify the Executive Secretary by 15 April 1965 of their readiness to table on 1 July 1965 a statement of the offers which they would make as a contribution to the objectives of the trade negotiations. Provided that, in the case of less-developed countries with a predominant interest in exports of agricultural products, the statement of their offers would be tabled on 1 July 1965 or thirty days after the day agreed upon for the tabling of offers on agricultural products, whichever is the later. Less-developed countries wishing to act in terms of this proviso should so indicate in the notification to be presented by 15 April 1965.

2. (a) Countries participating in the trade negotiations on the basis of a linear reduction in tariffs would make available on 1 May 1965 to the less-developed countries, indicating their readiness to make offers in accordance with paragraph 1 above, information, together with the supporting reasons contained in the exceptions lists, on the exceptions on items in a list composed of the lists submitted by individual less-developed countries in accordance with the procedures laid down by the Sub-Committee on the Participation of the Less-Developed Countries (TN.64/21 and TN.64/31).

   (b) The report by the Chairman of the Trade Negotiations Committee on the exceptions list would also be made available to these less-developed countries on 1 May 1965.

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(c) An examination of the lists of excepted items referred to in paragraph 2(a) above would be held in the light of the decision of Ministers that in the trade negotiations every effort shall be made to reduce tariff and non-tariff barriers to the exports of less-developed countries. This examination would take place in the second half of May or the first half of June 1965.

3. Participants in the trade negotiations may make, on 1 May 1965, suggestions as to the offers which participating less-developed countries might make as a contribution towards the overall objectives of the trade negotiations.

4. Less-developed countries having tabled a statement of their proposed contributions would thereafter take part in the trade negotiations and would receive the full exceptions lists.

5. Less-developed countries not following the procedures laid down in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 above would not be debarred from tableing a statement of their proposed contributions at a later date.