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

Note by the Chairman of the Sub-Committee

In its report to the Trade Negotiations Committee circulated as TN.64/41/Rev.1 the Sub-Committee set out a plan, which was adopted by the Trade Negotiations Committee at its meeting on 18 March. This plan included the following provisions among others:

(a) There was to be an examination in mid-June of items of special interest to less-developed countries which were included in the exceptions lists of the linear countries, or the positive offer list of Canada;

(b) Less-developed countries which had notified their intention to participate in the negotiations would table on 1 August 1965 a statement of the offers which they were prepared to make as a contribution to the objectives of the negotiations, provided that, in the case of countries with a predominant interest in agricultural exports, the statement would be tabled on 1 August 1965 or thirty days after the date agreed for the tabling of offers on agricultural products, whichever was the later.

Several delegations have proposed a change in the dates referred to above, and following informal consultations, general agreement has been reached on the following changes:

(i) the examination referred to in (a) above shall start on 12 July;

(ii) the date in (b) above of 1 August 1965 shall be changed to 1 September 1965.