SUBJECT: ANNUAL MEETING OF JOINT ADVISORY GROUP INTERNATIONAL TRADE CENTRE UNCTAD/GATT

1. The annual meeting of the joint advisory group on the UNCTAD/GATT International Trade Centre will convene from 28 May (starting at 10 A.M.) until 31 May 1968 at the Palais des Nations, Geneva. The group will examine proposals for the centre's 1969 work programme and the various export promotion services required in this connexion and will draw up recommendations to the centre's two governing bodies, the UNCTAD Trade and Development Board and the contracting parties of GATT, concerning the implementation of the programme. Relevant documentation will follow this notification.

2. This will be the first meeting of the advisory group since the centre became a joint UNCTAD/GATT operation. Governments of states members of UNCTAD and GATT are invited to send representatives to the meeting. It is recommended that this representation should be at expert level of senior officials concerned with export promotion or the development of foreign trade in general. It is especially desirable that the developing countries, which the centre is designed to serve, be adequately represented.

3. It is requested that the names of representatives be communicated to the conference officer, UNCTAD/GATT International Trade Centre, Villa Le Bocage, 1211 Geneva, by 25 May 1968.

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