subject: Technical Committee of the Joint Advisory Group on the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/GATT

The eleventh session of the Technical Committee of the Joint Advisory Group is scheduled to meet in Conference Room XVIII, Palais des Nations, Geneva, from 18 to 22 January 1982, starting at 10:00 a.m., eight weeks preceding the opening of the fifteenth session of the Joint Advisory Group from 22 to 26 March 1982.

The terms of reference of the Technical Committee are as follows:

- To review with the Secretariat the implementation of the Centre's work programme in the preceding year;
- To examine, in the light of the assistance required by the developing countries in the field of trade promotion, proposals for the Centre's future work programme and its organizational structure, and to report to the Joint Advisory Group.

The Committee will be open to Government nominated experts and specialists in trade promotion and officials responsible for the operation of national trade promotion activities. The Technical Committee at its ninth session recommended specifically that it was necessary to ensure that the technical nature of the Committee was preserved and that governments be alerted to the necessity of being represented in the Technical Committee by officials of their trade promotion organizations, or experts in trade promotion. The special topic for discussion at the forthcoming meeting of the Technical Committee will be "The Evaluation of the ITC Market Development Services Subprogramme". The background document on this topic (ITC/AG(XV)/78) and on other matters for review by the Committee (ITC/AG(XV)/779 and ADD.1) will be dispatched shortly.

Governments of member states represented in the Joint Advisory Group wishing to participate in this Committee are requested to communicate to the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/GATT, Palais des Nations, 1211 Geneva 10 (Telex No. 28.90.52 ITC CH), not later than 31 December 1981, the names of their representatives to the meeting of the Technical Committee.

A separate communication will be addressed to governments concerning the fifteenth session of the Joint Advisory Group to be held from 22 to 26 March 1982.

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