

GATT/AIR/449

16 FEBRUARY 1965

SUBJECT: MARCH MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT

AT ITS MEETING ON 9 AND 10 FEBRUARY 1965, THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT AGREED THAT IT WOULD TAKE UP AT ITS NEXT MEETING, BEGINNING 3 MARCH, THE EXAMINATION OF A LIST OF PRODUCTS NOTIFIED AS OF EXPORT INTEREST TO LESS-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND WOULD ALSO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR EXAMINATION OF THE OTHER ITEMS OF THE WORK PROGRAMME OUTLINED IN DOCUMENT TD/2. IN THIS CONNEXION, THE COMMITTEE AGREED THAT CONTRACTING PARTIES, WISHING TO DO SO, SHOULD BE PROVIDED A FURTHER OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT, PREFERABLY NOT LATER THAN THE LAST WEEK IN FEBRUARY, CONCRETE PROPOSALS RELATING TO THE EXTENSION OF PREFERENCES BY INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES TO LESS-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. CONTRACTING PARTIES WERE EARLIER REQUESTED TO SUBMIT SUCH PROPOSALS UNDER GATT/AIR/434, DATED 15 DECEMBER 1964.

THE COMMITTEE DECIDED THAT THE SECRETARIAT SHOULD RENEW THE REQUEST ADDRESSED TO GOVERNMENTS OF INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES, UNDER GATT LETTER TS/101, DATED DECEMBER 1964, TO SUPPLY DATA ON DOMESTIC REGULATIONS AND POLICIES FOR FACILITATING ADJUSTMENTS IN PATTERNS OF TRADE AND PRODUCTION AND ON ASSISTANCE TO LESS-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES IN THE FIELD OF EXPORT PROMOTION. GOVERNMENTS WHICH HAVE NOT YET SUPPLIED INFORMATION RELATING TO THESE ITEMS ARE ACCORDINGLY REQUESTED TO DO SO AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE.

THE COMMITTEE ALSO DECIDED THAT THE QUESTION OF FURTHER AMENDMENTS TO THE GENERAL AGREEMENT (ARTICLES XVIII AND XXIII AND THE USE OF IMPORT SURCHARGES) SHOULD BE EXAMINED ON THE BASIS OF CONCRETE PROPOSALS SUBMITTED BY GOVERNMENTS. CONTRACTING PARTIES WHICH WISH TO SUBMIT FURTHER SPECIFIC PROPOSALS IN REGARD TO THE AMENDMENT OF THESE ARTICLES ARE REQUESTED TO DO SO IN TIME FOR THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE.

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