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FIRST WTO TRADE POLICY COURSE OPENS IN GENEVA

Continuing GATT's practice of regularly organizing training courses on trade policy, international trade law and the multilateral trading system, the WTO inaugurated this week its first trade policy course for twenty-four officials from as many developing countries. The course, to be held in French, began on 23 January and will end 28 April 1995.

The aim of the training courses is to provide participants with greater understanding of trade policy matters and major problems of international trade. With the WTO now in force, courses will also address the results of the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations and the rights and obligations of WTO members. Offered in English, French and Spanish, the courses are open to officials from developing countries, including countries which are not GATT or WTO members.

The courses have a practical orientation and are designed to help officials prepare themselves for the tasks awaiting them in their own administrations. The participants already have responsibilities for the formulation and conduct of foreign trade policy and are nominated by their respective governments. Apart from a series of lectures on WTO law, the programme includes participation in seminars and group discussions, a workshop on negotiating techniques and simulated exercises for conducting trade negotiations and for settling disputes. Participants also attend official meetings.

During the course, participants undertake a study tour in Switzerland and a study tour abroad, which include visits to institutions and enterprises connected with foreign trade. In addition to WTO Secretariat officials, many guest lecturers, including senior officials of government delegations and international organizations, as well as academics, are invited to address the participants.

Since 1955, GATT has organized 78 training courses for 1,389 officials from 124 developing countries and ten regional organizations. These figures do not include the 97 senior trade officials from Eastern and Central European and Central Asian countries who participated in the four special courses organized by GATT since 1991, with the financial support of the Swiss Government, nor the 24 senior officials from the Russian Federation and Ukraine who attended the special GATT course funded by the United States in 1994.

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