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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF A GROUP OF LESS-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES ON 2 DECEMBER 1963

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1. The fourth meeting in the series of weekly meetings of a group of representatives of less-developed countries took place on 2 December 1963 under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. E. Letts, Ambassador of Peru.
2. The meeting was attended by the representatives of Chile, Cuba, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Israel, Jamaica, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, Trinidad and Tobago and Yugoslavia.
3. The Group took up the question of definitions concerning the scope of the proposed preferential arrangements but deferred detailed examination to a later date, it being understood that a summary note of relevance in this connexion would be issued for the next meeting of the Working Party on Preferences. The Group agreed to continue the substantive discussion relating to the proposed preferential arrangements at its meeting on Monday, 9 December.
4. Instead, the Group addressed itself to arrangements for its further work. The Group agreed that it would be useful to discuss, prior to the meeting of the Committee on the Legal and Institutional Framework of GATT in Relation to Less-Developed Countries, the paper being prepared by the secretariat entitled "Model Chapter on Trade and Development".
5. Further, the Group took up the question of achieving rapid results of benefit to less-developed countries in Sub-Committee 1 of the Action Committee. In this connexion, the Group recalled that in accordance with the agreement reached at the first meeting of Sub-Committee 1 less-developed countries had been asked (GATT/AIR/358) to indicate in concrete terms which barriers had a particularly harmful effect on their export trade. The Group urged that those less-developed countries who had not yet submitted such papers to do so without delay.
6. The Group is to meet again on Friday, 6 December 1963 at 10 a.m. in Room A.390 of the Palais des Nations, Geneva to take up the question referred to in paragraph 4 above. The next regular meeting of the Group will take place on Monday, 9 December 1963 from 9 to 11 a.m. (see paragraph 3 above). The site of the meeting will be announced in the meeting on Friday.

¹As regards the minutes of the last meeting of the Group (LDC/M/3), it was suggested that the words "in principle" appearing in the second line of paragraph 8 of that document should be deleted.