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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF A GROUP OF LESS- DEVELOPED COUNTRIES ON 17 AND 21 FEBRUARY 1964

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1. The eighth in a series of weekly meetings of a group of less-developed countries was held on 17 and 21 February 1964.
2. The meeting was attended by the representatives of Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Israel, Nigeria, Spain, Tunisia, the United Arab Republic and Yugoslavia.
3. The first meeting was presided over by H.E. Mr. H.A.H.S. Grant, Ambassador of Ghana and the second by H.E. Mr. E. Letts, Ambassador of Peru.
4. As agreed at the meeting on 17 February, the Group took up the examination of the proposals for the "Model Chapter on Trade and Development" submitted by Brazil, Chile, India, the United Arab Republic and the United States (L/2147). In the exchange of views on the "objectives" of the proposals, it was pointed out that they differed to some extent from one another as far as the form and substance were concerned. In order to facilitate the discussion of the matter, it was decided that a text of the Chapter be drawn up in which all the points of agreement, contained in the various Submissions, be incorporated, it being understood that all less-developed countries will have the right to reserve their position either to accept or modify the proposed text.
5. The Group established a small drafting committee consisting of the representatives of Chile, India and the United Arab Republic, with any other representatives of less-developed countries who wished to participate in the work of the drafting group, to draw up a consolidated version of the Chapter for discussion at its next meeting. The meeting of this small group will be held on 24 February, at 9 a.m., in the Annex Villa Le Bocage.
6. The next regular meeting of the Group will be held on 24 February at 11 a.m., in Salle XII, Palais des Nations, Geneva.
7. It was suggested that at that meeting, the Group might also wish to take up again the discussion of the various problems relating to effective participation of the less-developed countries in the forthcoming trade negotiations (see also LDC/M/3 Section B).