AIRGRAM **AÉROGRAMME**

GATT/AIR/1266 15 MARCH 1976

SUBJECT: THIRTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT

1. THE THIRTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT WILL BE HELD ON 12 AND 13 APRIL 1976 IN THE PALAIS DES NATIONS, GENEVA, COMMENCING AT 3 P.M. ON 12 APRIL.

2. AS PROVIDED BY THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE, MEMBERS MAY WISH TO REVIEW DEVELOPMENTS WITH RESPECT TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PART IV INCLUDING ACTIONS OF INTEREST WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN TAKEN BY GOVERNMENTS AND IN OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND DEVELOPMENTS IN THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS SINCE THE LAST MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE. THE COMMITTEE HAS AGREED THAT, AT THIS MEETING, IT WOULD TAKE UP FOR CONSIDERATION THE QUESTION OF THE APPLICATION OF PART IV IN THE LIGHT OF THE OBJECTIVES IT IS INTENDED TO SERVE (L/4252, PARAGRAPH 13). A SECRETARIAT BACKGROUND NOTE CONTAINING INFORMATION ON THE EXPERIENCE OF CONTRACTING PARTIES WITH RESPECT TO THE APPLICATION OF PART IV AS WELL AS A SUMMARY OF THE SPECIFIC OBSERVATIONS AND SUGGESTIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN MADE WITH RESPECT TO A REVIEW AND POSSIBLE AMENDMENT OF THE PROVISION OF PART IV WILL BE ISSUED SHORTLY. DELEGATIONS MIGHT, IN addition, WISH TO RAISE FOR CONSIDERATION ANY OTHER MATTERS RELEVANT TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE.

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3. MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE AND OTHER CONTRACTING PARTIES, ASSOCIATED GOVERNMENTS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS WISHING TO BE REPRESENTED BY OVSERVERS AND NON-GATT DEVELOPING COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING IN THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS ARE REQUESTED TO ADVISE ME AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE OF THE NAMES OF THEIR REPRESENTATIVES.

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