

GATT/AIR/347

30 SEPTEMBER 1963

SUBJECT: MEETING OF COMMITTEE III

1. COMMITTEE III WILL HOLD ITS NEXT MEETING DURING THE PERIOD 21 OCTOBER TO 1 NOVEMBER. THE MEETING WILL OPEN ON 21 OCTOBER AT 3 P.M. IN THE PALAIS DES NATIONS, GENEVA.

2. AS INDICATED IN GATT/AIR/338 THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS ARE ON THE AGENDA OF THE FORTHCOMING MEETING:

I. FOURTH LIST OF PRODUCTS

3. AT ITS LAST MEETING COMMITTEE III HAD BEFORE IT A LIST OF PRODUCTS OF IMPORTANCE TO THE EXPORT TRADE OF LESS-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES (COM.III/105). WHILE RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF EXPANDING ITS WORK TO COVER ADDITIONAL ITEMS THE COMMITTEE DID NOT FEEL IN A POSITION AT THAT TIME TO ENTER INTO A SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION ON THIS MATTER. A FEW PRODUCTS WERE MENTIONED, HOWEVER, BY REPRESENTATIVES OF LESS-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WHICH THEY WISHED TO SEE INCLUDED IN A FOURTH LIST OF PRODUCTS (L/1989, PARAGRAPH 65).

4. CONTRACTING PARTIES WILL RECALL THAT IT HAS BEEN AGREED THAT, IN THE FIRST INSTANCE, THE ACTION PROGRAMME WILL RELATE TO THE PRODUCTS IDENTIFIED BY COMMITTEE III, BUT THAT THE PROGRAMME MIGHT SUBSEQUENTLY BE EXTENDED TO AN ENLARGED LIST OF PRODUCTS, TO BE AGREED UPON (MIN(63)7, PARAGRAPH 3). IN VIEW OF THE IMPORTANCE AND THE CLOSE CONNEXION OF THIS PART OF THE WORK OF COMMITTEE III WITH THE ACTION PROGRAMME, IT APPEARS APPROPRIATE THAT CONTRACTING PARTIES WISHING TO NOMINATE PRODUCTS FOR INCLUSION IN THE FOURTH LIST WOULD SUBMIT, PRIOR TO THE MEETING, INFORMATION REGARDING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PRODUCTS CONCERNED IN THEIR EXPORT TRADE AND ABOUT BARRIERS OR PARTICULAR DIFFICULTIES AFFECTING SUCH EXPORTS.

II. STUDIES OF DEVELOPMENT PLANS AND OF TRADE AND AID RELATIONSHIPS

5. TO ASSIST THE COMMITTEE IN DETERMINING PRIORITIES IN THE STUDY OF THE TRADE AND PAYMENTS ASPECTS OF DEVELOPMENT PLANS A PAPER IS BEING DRAWN UP BY THE SECRETARIAT FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE, INDICATING THE SCOPE AND CONTENT OF THE STUDIES PROPOSED TO BE UNDERTAKEN AND LISTING COUNTRIES WHICH IT MIGHT BE PARTICULARLY USEFUL TO STUDY AT AN EARLY STAGE OF THE COMMITTEE'S WORK IN THIS SECTOR.

6. COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE NOT YET SUBMITTED MATERIAL ON THEIR DEVELOPMENT PLANS OR ON PLANS RELATING TO THE EXPANSION OF THEIR EXPORTS, ARE INVITED TO DO SO AT THEIR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE.

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### III. TRADE INFORMATION CENTRE

7. CONTRACTING PARTIES WILL RECALL THAT IT WAS DECIDED AT THE LAST MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE TO DEFER DETAILED DISCUSSION OF A PROPOSAL BY BRAZIL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL TRADE INFORMATION CENTRE IN ORDER TO PERMIT A MORE COMPREHENSIVE RANGE OF VIEWS OF GOVERNMENTS ON THIS PROPOSAL TO BE OBTAINED. IN THE FOLLOW-UP TO THE PROPOSAL, A QUESTIONNAIRE WAS SENT TO ALL GATT COUNTRIES. A PAPER SETTING OUT THE REPLIES RECEIVED TO THIS QUESTIONNAIRE WILL SHORTLY BE CIRCULATED.

### IV. PRODUCTION AND MARKETING TECHNIQUES

8. IN RELATION TO WORK UNDER THIS HEADING, THE ATTENTION OF CONTRACTING PARTIES IS AGAIN DRAWN TO THE REQUEST BY COMMITTEE III FOR THE SUBMISSION OF PAPERS ON THIS SUBJECT (PARAGRAPH 67 OF L/1989 AND PARAGRAPHS 32 AND 33 OF L/1768).

### V. REVIEW OF PROGRESS IN THE ELIMINATION OF TRADE BARRIERS

9. NORMALLY, WHEN COMMITTEE III MEETS, A REVIEW IS CARRIED OUT ON PROGRESS MADE BY GATT COUNTRIES, LESS-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AS WELL AS INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES, IN THE REMOVAL OF THE VARIOUS BARRIERS AFFECTING EXPORTS OF LESS-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, WHETHER OR NOT THESE BARRIERS ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE GATT. WITH RESPECT TO WORK UNDER THIS HEADING, THE COMMITTEE WILL BEAR IN MIND THAT THE ACTION COMMITTEE HAS IMPORTANT RESPONSIBILITIES IN THIS REGARD AND HAS, IN FACT, AT ITS FIRST MEETING IN SEPTEMBER, CARRIED OUT A REVIEW OF ACTION TAKEN TO IMPLEMENT THE ACTION PROGRAMME (SEE AC/3). THERE MAY, HOWEVER, BE CERTAIN ASPECTS OF WORK UNDER THIS HEADING WHICH THE COMMITTEE MAY WISH TO TAKE UP AT ITS FORTHCOMING MEETING.

### VI. OTHER WORK

10. WHEN DISCUSSING MEASURES OTHER THAN THE ELIMINATION OF BARRIERS TO TRADE, THE ACTION COMMITTEE TOOK NOTE OF A NUMBER OF PROPOSALS WHICH, THE ACTION COMMITTEE FELT MIGHT, IN THE FIRST INSTANCE, BE TAKEN UP BY COMMITTEE III TO AVOID DUPLICATION OF WORK AND TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE EXPERIENCE OF COMMITTEE III IN DEALING WITH WORK CLOSELY RELATED TO THESE SUBJECTS (AC/3 PARAGRAPH 33).

11. COMMITTEE III MAY WISH, THEREFORE, TO GIVE CONSIDERATION TO THE FOLLOWING AREAS OF WORK REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPH 33 OF AC/3 (ALSO RELEVANT ARE PARAGRAPHS 17 TO 19 OF AC/3).

(a) EXAMINATION OF ASSISTANCE IN EXPORT PROMOTION SCHEMES WHICH INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES COULD RENDER TO LESS-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES;

(b) EXAMINATION OF POSSIBILITIES OF EXTENDING THE ACTIVITIES OF GATT TO ENBRACE THE FINANCING ASPECT OF BRIDGING THE GAP BETWEEN EXPORT PROCEEDS AND IMPORT REQUIREMENTS;

(c) POSSIBILITIES FOR ASSISTING THE EXPANSION OF TRADE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF LESS-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES BY EXTENDING THE PARTICIPATION IN AND THE PERIOD OF VALIDITY OF INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY ARRANGEMENTS, AND RELATING SUCH ARRANGEMENTS TO NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLANS;

(d) EXAMINATION OF POSSIBILITIES FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES OF INCREASING THEIR EXPORT EARNINGS THROUGH THE OPERATION OF MARKET ORGANIZATION SCHEMES;

(e) EXAMINATION OF POSSIBILITIES FOR LESS-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES OF EXPANDING AND DIVERSIFYING PRODUCTION AND TRADE THROUGH THE APPLICATION OF MEASURES DESIGNED TO ENCOURAGE SELECTIVE INDUSTRIALIZATION.

12. WORKING PAPERS OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE, SETTING OUT IN GREATER DETAIL SOME OF THE PROPOSALS ABOVE, WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE III.

13. MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE AND ANY OTHER CONTRACTING PARTIES AND ASSOCIATED GOVERNMENTS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS DESIRING TO BE REPRESENTED BY OBSERVERS, ARE REQUESTED TO ADVISE ME BY 18 OCTOBER OF THE NAMES OF THEIR REPRESENTATIVES.

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