

GATT/AIR/359

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SUBJECT: REGULAR WEEKLY MEETINGS OF LESS-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES

DURING THE RECENT COUNCIL MEETING REPRESENTATIVES OF LESS-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES DECIDED TO INSTITUTE A REGULAR PROGRAMME OF WEEKLY MEETINGS TO FORMULATE AND EXAMINE PLANS OF ACTION RELATING TO MATTERS OF SPECIAL IMPORTANCE TO THEM NOW UNDER CONSIDERATION IN VARIOUS BODIES OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES (LDC/1).

AS AGREED, THE FIRST OF THE REGULAR MONDAY MEETINGS OF LESS-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WAS HELD ON 11 NOVEMBER. MAJOR TOPICS TAKEN UP AT THIS FIRST MEETING WERE:

- (1) WORK ARRANGEMENTS;
- (2) NECESSARY CONDITIONS AND CRITERIA FOR THE GRANTING OF PREFERENCES BY LESS-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES FOR IMPORTS FROM OTHER LESS-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

DISCUSSION ON THE SUBJECT UNDER (2) ABOVE WILL BE RESUMED AT THE NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON 18 NOVEMBER, STARTING AT 10 A.M., AT VILLA LE BOCAGE - ANNEX. OTHER TOPICS TO BE TAKEN UP INCLUDE POSSIBILITIES FOR ACTION REGARDING THE PROPOSALS FOR PREFERENCES TO BE GRANTED BY INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES FOR IMPORTS FROM LESS-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

AS REGARDS THE EFFECTIVE PARTICIPATION IN THE WORK OF VARIOUS GATT BODIES DEALING WITH MATTERS OF URGENT AND SPECIAL INTEREST TO THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES REPRESENTATIVES OF LESS-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES STRESSED AGAIN THE DESIRABILITY OF CONTINUOUS LOCAL REPRESENTATION. (SEE ALSO LDC/1, PAGE 5).

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