

SUBJECT: WORK OF COMMITTEE III AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMMITTEE'S  
RECOMMENDATIONS

1. TO IMPLEMENT THE COMMITTEE'S CURRENT WORK PROGRAMME AND TO GIVE EFFECT TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS EMANATING FROM ITS LAST MEETING (SEE L/2080). ACTION IS REQUIRED UNDER A NUMBER OF HEADINGS, AS SET OUT BELOW:<sup>1</sup>

MEETING OF THE GROUP OF EXPERTS TO EXAMINE THE POSSIBLE ROLE OF GATT  
IN THE FIELD OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

2. AT ITS LAST MEETING, COMMITTEE III UNDERTOOK A PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION OF A NUMBER OF SPECIFIC PROPOSALS DESIGNED TO ASSIST THE LESS-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES IN BRIDGING THE GAP BETWEEN EXPORT PROCEEDS AND IMPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR THEIR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THAT THE PROPOSALS SHOULD BE EXAMINED BY A SMALL GROUP OF EXPERTS. THE TERMS OF REFERENCE AND THE MEMBERSHIP OF THIS GROUP ARE SET OUT IN DOCUMENT L/2080, PARAGRAPH 34.

3. WITH A VIEW TO GIVING SUFFICIENT ADVANCE NOTICE AND ADEQUATE TIME FOR THE PREPARATION OF THIS MEETING, IT IS PROPOSED THAT THE GROUP SHOULD MEET FROM 27 TO 29 JANUARY INCLUSIVE. THE EXACT TIME AND SITE OF THE MEETING WILL BE COMMUNICATED IN DUE COURSE.

MEETING OF THE GROUP OF EXPERTS IN THE FIELD OF TRADE INFORMATION

4. FOLLOWING DISCUSSION IN THE COMMITTEE OF MEASURES TO BE TAKEN IN THE FRAMEWORK OF GATT FOR THE PROVISION OF TRADE INFORMATION SERVICES FOR THE BENEFIT OF LESS-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES COMMITTEE III RECOMMENDED AT ITS LAST MEETING THAT A GROUP OF EXPERTS SHOULD BE CONVENED PROMPTLY TO EXAMINE THIS MATTER. THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE EXPERT GROUP ARE SET OUT IN DOCUMENT L/2080, PARAGRAPHS 60-62.

5. WITH A VIEW TO GIVING SUFFICIENT ADVANCE NOTICE IT IS PROPOSED THAT THE EXPERT GROUP SHOULD MEET FROM 4 TO 6 FEBRUARY INCLUSIVE. THE EXACT TIME AND SITE OF THE MEETING WILL BE COMMUNICATED IN DUE COURSE.

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<sup>1</sup>SEE ALSO GATT/AIR/356, 362 AND 366.

6. CONTRACTING PARTIES WHO ARE INTERESTED IN NOMINATING EXPERTS ARE ASKED TO NOTIFY THE SECRETARIAT NOT LATER THAN 13 JANUARY OF THE NAMES OF THESE EXPERTS.

COMPILATION OF DATA FOR THE ENLARGED LIST OF PRODUCTS UNDER STUDY IN THE COMMITTEE

7. FOLLOWING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FURTHER LIST OF PRODUCTS OF PARTICULAR EXPORT INTEREST TO LESS-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, THERE ARE NOW SOME TWO HUNDRED AND SEVENTY ITEMS (IN TERMS OF BRUSSELS NOMENCLATURE HEADINGS) UNDER REVIEW IN THE COMMITTEE;

THE COMMITTEE AGREED THAT DATA ON TRADE BARRIERS AND TRADE FLOWS SHOULD BE COLLECTED IN RESPECT OF ALL THESE ITEMS. TO ENABLE RAPID HEADWAY TO BE MADE IN COMPILING THESE DATA, CONTRACTING PARTIES WERE URGED TO SUPPLY THE SECRETARIAT, AT THEIR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE, WITH SUCH DATA (L/2080, PARAGRAPHS 15-18).

8. TO FACILITATE THE TRANSMISSION AND SUBSEQUENT PROCESSING OF THESE DATA, THE SECRETARIAT IS PREPARING A COMPREHENSIVE QUESTIONNAIRE, DRAWN UP IN A MANNER WHICH WILL PERMIT THE DATA THUS OBTAINED TO BE USED ALSO (a) FOR THE ENVISAGED TRADE INFORMATION SERVICE (L/2080, PARAGRAPH 51) (b) THE PREPARATION OF THE COUNTRY STUDIES AND THE STUDIES OF TRENDS IN TRADE AND MARKET PROSPECTS (COM.III/118, AND ADD.1, AND PARAGRAPH 25 OF L/2080). THE QUESTIONNAIRE WILL BE CIRCULATED SHORTLY.

9. IN THE MEANTIME, IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF THE SECRETARIAT COULD BE INFORMED OF ANY CORRECTIONS OR AMENDMENTS TO THE SUMMARY SCHEDULES PREPARED IN CONNEXION WITH THE RECENT MEETING OF COMMITTEE III (COM.III/116, 119, AND COM.III/124).

PRODUCTION AND MARKETING TECHNIQUES

10. WHEN DISCUSSING ACTION UNDER THIS HEADING, THE COMMITTEE AGREED THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF SURVEYS ANALOGOUS TO THE ONE CARRIED OUT BY SWEDEN (COM.III/122) WOULD ALSO BE CARRIED OUT BY OTHER CONTRACTING PARTIES (L/2080, PARAGRAPH 40). BOTH INDUSTRIALIZED AND LESS-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WERE INVITED TO SUPPLY THE COMMITTEE WITH PAPERS IN THIS REGARD. IT WAS ALSO SUGGESTED THAT THESE SUBMISSIONS WOULD BE PLACED BEFORE THE GROUP OF EXPERTS ON THE TRADE INFORMATION CENTRE (SEE L/2080, PARAGRAPH 40).

11. IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF SUCH PAPERS COULD BE SUPPLIED AT AN EARLY DATE, PREFERABLY BEFORE 25 JANUARY.

EXPANDED PROGRAMME OF DEVELOPMENT PLAN STUDIES

12. IN GATT/AIR/338, LESS-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WERE INVITED TO SUPPLY MATERIAL ON THEIR DEVELOPMENT PLANS OR PLANS RELATING TO THE EXPANSION OF THEIR EXPORTS. COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO MEET THIS REQUEST, ARE AGAIN INVITED TO SUPPLY SUCH MATERIAL AT THEIR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE.

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