

GATT/AIR/437

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SUBJECT: ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT

ON 26 NOVEMBER THE CONTRACTING PARTIES AGREED UPON THE FOLLOWING TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE NEW COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT (SEE L/2314/Rev.1, ANNEX F, AND 2SS/SR.4):

1. TO KEEP UNDER CONTINUOUS REVIEW THE APPLICATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF PART IV OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT;
2. TO CARRY OUT, OR ARRANGE FOR, ANY CONSULTATIONS WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED IN THE APPLICATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF PART IV;
3. TO FORMULATE PROPOSALS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE CONTRACTING PARTIES IN CONNEXION WITH ANY MATTER RELATING TO THE FURTHERANCE OF THE PROVISIONS OF PART IV;
4. TO CONSIDER ANY QUESTIONS WHICH MAY ARISE AS TO THE ELIGIBILITY OF A CONTRACTING PARTY TO BE CONSIDERED AS A LESS-DEVELOPED CONTRACTING PARTY IN THE SENSE OF PART IV AND TO REPORT TO THE CONTRACTING PARTIES;
5. TO CONSIDER, ON THE BASIS OF PROPOSALS REFERRED TO IT BY THE CONTRACTING PARTIES FOR EXAMINATION; WHETHER MODIFICATION OF OR ADDITIONS TO PART IV ARE REQUIRED TO FURTHER THE WORK OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES IN THE FIELD OF TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT AND TO MAKE APPROPRIATE RECOMMENDATIONS;
6. TO CARRY OUT SUCH ADDITIONAL FUNCTIONS AS MAY BE ASSIGNED TO THE COMMITTEE BY THE CONTRACTING PARTIES.

THE CONTRACTING PARTIES DECIDED THAT THIS NEW COMMITTEE WILL TAKE OVER THE FUNCTIONS OF COMMITTEE III, OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE, AND OF THE WORKING PARTY ON PREFERENCES AND WILL ALSO DEAL WITH A NUMBER OF ISSUES NOT FINALIZED BY THE LEGAL AND INSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEE.

THE QUESTION OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE WAS REFERRED TO THE COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES WHICH DECIDED, AT ITS MEETING ON 17-18 DECEMBER, TO RECOMMEND THAT MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE SHOULD BE OPEN TO THOSE CONTRACTING PARTIES AND GOVERNMENTS HAVING ACCEDED PROVISIONALLY TO THE GATT WHICH WISH TO ACCEPT THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERSHIP BY UNDERTAKING TO PROVIDE SUITABLE REPRESENTATION AT MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE AND TO PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN ITS WORK. ACCORDINGLY THE COUNCIL INVITES THE GOVERNMENTS WHICH DECIDE TO REQUEST MEMBERSHIP ON THAT BASIS TO NOTIFY ME NOT LATER THAN 27 JANUARY. THE COUNCIL HOPES THAT THIS INVITATION WILL NOT RESULT IN SO MANY REQUESTS FOR MEMBERSHIP AS TO MAKE THE COMMITTEE TOO LARGE TO BE EFFICIENT AND THEREFORE PROPOSES TO REVIEW THE RESPONSE TO THE INVITATION AT ITS MEETING ON 28-29 JANUARY. THE COMMITTEE WILL BE FORMALLY ESTABLISHED AT THE CLOSING MEETING OF THE SECOND SPECIAL SESSION WHICH IS TO BE HELD ON 8 FEBRUARY.

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