

GATT/AIR/451

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SUBJECT: COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT - ESTABLISHMENT OF EXPERT GROUPS

AT ITS MEETING IN MARCH THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT DECIDED TO ESTABLISH TWO EXPERT GROUPS TO EXAMINE THE SECRETARIAT STUDIES ON DEVELOPMENT PLANS OF LESS-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND TO STUDY AND REPORT ON MEASURES IN INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES FOR ASSISTING ADJUSTMENTS IN THE STRUCTURE AND PATTERN OF PRODUCTION, RESPECTIVELY. THE TERMS OF REFERENCE AGREED UPON BY THE COMMITTEE FOR THE TWO GROUPS ARE SET OUT IN DOCUMENT L/2410. THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL WAS REQUESTED TO MAKE THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS FOR CONVENING THE GROUPS.

IN THE INTERESTS OF EFFICIENCY, IT WOULD SEEM DESIRABLE TO LIMIT THE SIZE OF EACH GROUP TO APPROXIMATELY TWELVE EXPERTS DRAWN FROM CONTRACTING PARTIES. CONTRACTING PARTIES ARE REQUESTED TO NOTIFY ME BY 25 APRIL OF THE NAMES OF THE EXPERTS THEY WISH TO NOMINATE, SO THAT THE GROUPS CAN BE CONSTITUTED IN CONSULTATION WITH DELEGATIONS CONCERNED. IN MAKING THEIR NOMINATIONS FOR THE EXPERT GROUP ON TRADE AND AID STUDIES, GOVERNMENTS ARE INVITED TO TAKE ACCOUNT ALSO OF THE SUGGESTIONS CONTAINED IN DOCUMENT COM.TD/W.7 REGARDING THE QUESTIONS TO BE DEALT WITH BY THE GROUP.

IT WAS AGREED THAT THE GROUP ON TRADE AND AID STUDIES SHOULD TAKE UP THE GATT SECRETARIAT STUDIES ON THE DEVELOPMENT PLANS OF NIGERIA, KENYA AND UGANDA AT ITS MEETING ON 10-14 MAY. THE DOCUMENTATION FOR THESE STUDIES WILL BE CIRCULATED TO THE EXPERTS IN DUE COURSE.

GOVERNMENTS WISHING TO SUBMIT ADDITIONAL MATERIAL ON ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE MEASURES IN THE LIGHT OF THE COMMITTEE'S DISCUSSION OF THE MATTER (PARAGRAPHS 14 TO 16 OF L/2410) SHOULD DO SO PREFERABLY BY THE MIDDLE OF MAY.

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