

GATT/AIR/623

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SUBJECT: PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS

TWENTY-FOURTH SESSION OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES
COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES
AD HOC GROUP ON ASSESSMENT OF THE KENNEDY ROUND RESULTS
COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT

AT THE LAST MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES IT WAS DECIDED THAT THE COUNCIL WOULD MEET ON 23 OCTOBER AND THAT THE TWENTY-FOURTH SESSION WOULD BE HELD FROM 30 OCTOBER TO 17 NOVEMBER. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL, AND THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL, IN EXTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES, HAVE FOUND THAT THERE WOULD BE CONSIDERABLE ADVANTAGE AND THAT IT WOULD BETTER MEET THE CONVENIENCE OF GOVERNMENTS IF THESE MEETINGS WERE DEFERRED UNTIL SLIGHTLY LATER DATES. AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THIS CHANGE IN THE PROGRAMME THE MEETING OF THE GROUP ON THE ASSESSMENT OF THE KENNEDY ROUND RESULTS WILL ALSO BE POSTPONED. THE PROGRAMME NOW STANDS AS FOLLOWS:

TWENTY-FOURTH SESSION OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES

THE SESSION WILL BE HELD IN THE PALAIS DES NATIONS FROM 9-24 NOVEMBER BEGINNING AT 3 P.M. ON 9 NOVEMBER. THE LAST THREE DAYS OF THE SESSION, I.E. 22-24 NOVEMBER, WILL BE DEVOTED TO A REVIEW OF THE WORK OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES THROUGH THE LAST TWO DECADES AND TO CONSIDERATION OF THE PROGRAMME FOR THE FUTURE. IT IS HOPED THAT CONTRACTING PARTIES WILL ARRANGE TO BE REPRESENTED FOR THESE LAST THREE DAYS AT THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE LEVEL AND THAT AS MANY TRADE MINISTERS AS FIND IT PRACTICABLE WILL ATTEND.

IN VIEW OF THE LIMITED DURATION OF THE SESSION IT IS SUGGESTED THAT DELEGATIONS SHOULD BE PREPARED TO UNDERTAKE SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION ON ALL ITEMS OF THE AGENDA FROM THE FIRST DAY. PLENARIES MAY BE HELD BOTH MORNINGS AND AFTERNOONS AND IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE TO DEFER ITEMS UNTIL THE LAST DAYS OF THE SESSION.

COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON 6-8 NOVEMBER. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD IN ROOM XVI IN THE PALAIS DES NATIONS BEGINNING AT 3 P.M. ON 6 NOVEMBER. THE PRINCIPAL TASKS BEFORE THE COUNCIL WILL BE (i) TO REVIEW THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE TWENTY-FOURTH SESSION OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES, IN ORDER TO CARRY OUT AS MUCH PREPARATION AS POSSIBLE AND THUS TO FACILITATE THE WORK OF THE SESSION, AND (ii) TO DRAW UP A REPORT ON THE COUNCIL'S ACTIVITIES SINCE THE

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TWENTY-THIRD SESSION. A REVISION OF THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE SESSION (L/2854), TOGETHER WITH NOTES ON THE VARIOUS ITEMS, WILL BE DISTRIBUTED. A DRAFT REPORT ON THE COUNCIL'S ACTIVITIES IS BEING PREPARED AND WILL ALSO BE DISTRIBUTED LATER THIS MONTH.

AD HOC GROUP ON ASSESSMENT OF THE KENNEDY ROUND RESULTS

THE MEETING ANNOUNCED IN GATT/AIR/621 TO BE HELD FROM 23 TO 27 OCTOBER WILL BE HELD INSTEAD FROM 26 TO 31 OCTOBER, BEGINNING AT 3 P.M. ON THURSDAY 26 OCTOBER.

COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT

THE COMMITTEE WILL MEET ON 6-8 NOVEMBER (AND AGAIN DURING THE SESSION, IF NECESSARY). THE MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE PALAIS DES NATIONS BEGINNING AT 10 A.M. ON MONDAY 6 NOVEMBER. (IT IS INTENDED THAT THE COMMITTEE WILL MEET IN THE MORNINGS AND THE COUNCIL IN THE AFTERNOONS.)

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