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SUBJECT: GROUP ON RESIDUAL RESTRICTIONS

THE GROUP ON RESIDUAL RESTRICTIONS WILL HOLD ITS NEXT MEETING ON 24 AND 25 JANUARY 1972. THE MEETING WILL COMMENCE AT 10 A.M. ON 24 JANUARY IN THE PALAIS DES NATIONS, GENEVA.

IT IS RECALLED THAT AS INSTRUCTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT THE GROUP SHOULD (i) CONTINUE TO SEEK POSSIBILITIES FOR THE ELIMINATION OF RESTRICTIONS ON THE TWENTY-ONE PRODUCTS OR PRODUCT GROUPS ALREADY EXAMINED BY IT AND OTHER PRODUCTS IDENTIFIED AS OF EXPORT INTEREST TO THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN THE GROUP AND IN THE JOINT WORKING GROUP ON IMPORT RESTRICTIONS, (ii) KEEP UNDER REVIEW THE RESULTS OF THE EXAMINATION ALREADY CARRIED OUT BY IT AND EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES FOR ACHIEVING PROGRESS TOWARDS LIBERALIZATION THROUGH THE USE OF MEASURES SUGGESTED IN PARAGRAPH 10 OF THE AROUP'S LAST REPORT (COM.TD/79). THE GROUP SHOULD ALSO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT RELEVANT FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE GROUP OF THREE.

DOCUMENT COM.TD/W/147 INCLUDES NOTES ON DEVELOPMENTS CONCERNING THE TWENTY-ONE PRODUCTS OR PRODUCT GROUPS ALREADY EXAMINED AND COM.TD/W/140/REV.1 PROVIDES INFORMATION ON ADDITIONAL PRODUCTS TO BE TAKEN UP FOR EXAMINATION. A NOTE ON RELEVANT RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE GROUP OF THREE WILL BE ISSUED AS COM.TD/W/153.

MEMBERS OF THE GROOP AND ANY OTHER CONTRACTING PARTIES, ASSOCIATED GOVERNMENTS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS WISHING TO BE REPRESENTED BY OBSERVERS ARE REQUESTED TO INFORM ME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE OF THE NAMES OF THEIR REPRESENTATIVES.

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