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SPECIAL GROUP ON THE PARTICIPATION OF POLAND IN THE KENNEDY ROUND

Poland, while not a contracting party to the GATT, does participate in the work of the GATT, under a special arrangement and has indicated that it wishes to take an active part in the Kennedy Round of Trade Negotiations. At the ministerial meeting of 4 May 1964, which inaugurated the negotiations, this move was warmly welcomed and there was general agreement that it should be feasible to work out a practical arrangement. To this end the Sub-Committee on Non-Tariff Barriers set up a Special Group on the Participation of Poland.

The Group held its first meeting on 29 and 30 June. It undertook a first, preliminary exchange of views on proposals put forward by Poland for participation in the Kennedy Round. These proposals envisage an offer by Poland to give certain undertakings in respect of their trade with GATT member countries, in return for advantages to be gained by Poland from participation in the Kennedy Round. The Group will reconvene after the summer recess.

The following are members of the Special Group: Australia, Austria, Canada, Czechoslovakia, European Economic Community, Japan, Poland, Sweden, United Arab Republic, United Kingdom, United States.

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