

TRADE NEGOTIATIONS: PARTICIPATION OF LESS-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES

Note by the Secretariat

1. At the last meeting of the Trade Negotiations Committee it was agreed that countries participating in the negotiations on the basis of the linear reduction in tariffs would, on 1 May 1965, make available to less-developed countries which had indicated on 15 April their readiness to participate in the negotiations in terms agreed by the Committee, information on items, notified by the latter countries as being of special interest to them, which are included in the exceptions lists of the linear countries concerned (see TN.64/41/Rev.1, A 1 and 2).
2. Information on the exceptions lists of the following countries is attached:
 - European Economic Community
 - Finland
 - Japan
 - United Kingdom
 - United States
3. The following countries participating on the basis of the linear reduction in tariffs indicated on 16 November 1964 that, subject to receiving reciprocity, they proposed to apply the linear reduction to the whole of their industrial tariff without exceptions:
 - Austria
 - Denmark
 - Norway
 - Sweden
 - Switzerland
4. In accordance with the decision of the Trade Negotiations Committee information on the positive list tabled by Canada is also attached.
5. The report by the Chairman of the Trade Negotiations Committee on the exceptions lists is also attached.
6. Finally, suggestions made by participating countries as to the offers which participating less-developed countries might make as a contribution towards the overall objectives of the trade negotiations (see TN.64/41/Rev.1, paragraph A 3) are also attached.
7. The attached information is circulated to all the countries which submitted a notification on 15 April. The secretariat has been asked by some delegations to make it clear that the circulation of this information to these countries, and the possible participation by these countries in the examination of the exceptions lists scheduled for the second half of June (see TN.64/41/Rev.1), is without prejudice to the position of the delegation concerned with regard to the recognition of the recipient countries as less-developed countries in the context of the trade negotiations or of other fields of the work of the GATT.