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INFORMATION ON TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES

Addendum

At its meeting of 9-10 May 1985, the Committee agreed that it would help ensure the greater transparency in GATT of technical assistance activities pursuant to Article 21.3 of the Agreement on Implementation of Article VII of the GATT if the information documents prepared for the Technical Committee on such activities were also made available as GATT documents.

Attached is reproduced the information contained in CCC document 33.537 of 26 September 1986, which supplements that already reproduced in GATT documents VAL/W/29/Rev.1 and Addendum 1.

Also attached is a summary of additional information provided at the meeting of the Technical Committee of 6-10 October 1986.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO DOCS. 32.848 and 33.071

Review of past activities in which the Council participated

The fifth training course on the GATT Valuation Agreement organized by the Council was hosted by the Tanzanian Government and the Government of Norway extended financial support. Held at Arusha, Tanzania, from 19 to 30 May 1986, it was attended by 42 English-speaking participants from 18 countries.

- Recognizing the need to direct the technical assistance programme towards those developing countries which had acceded to the GATT Code or were seriously considering doing so, a special programme combining a condensed training course on the GATT Agreement and preparatory studies for the draft valuation legislation was arranged in Turkey from 4 to 22 August 1986. The programme, conducted by the Turkish-speaking Council official, as attended by fourteen participants. The officer also provided expert advice to a group of Turkish officers engaged in drafting valuation laws.
- Another project in this one country programme was the special training course held from 7 to 18 July 1986 in The Hague for 16 Indonesian Customs officers. It was conducted at the request of the Dutch Customs Administration which also provided the financial and logistic support.

Future programme

- In collaboration with the Government of Malaysia, the Council will organize the sixth valuation training course at Malacca, Malaysia, from 20 to 31 October 1986. It will be held in English. A representative of the United States Customs Administration will make a presentation on valuation fraud.
- The seventh training course will be held at the Council Headquarters in the first half of 1987.
- A special training course will also be organized in the first half of 1987. To be held in Argentina, it will be conducted in Spanish.
- In January 1987 an expert mission will be undertaken to advise the Ethiopian Customs Administration on implementational requirements of the GATT Code and to draw up an internal training programme.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PROVIDED AT THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE'S
MEETING OF 6-10 OCTOBER 1986

European Communities

In collaboration with the Organization of American States, the Spanish Customs and Excise Administration conducts a general course on customs legislation in Madrid of about two months' duration each year for officers from Latin American countries. The programme of these courses includes the valuation rules under the GATT Agreement and the BDV, including a comparison of the two systems.

New Zealand

New Zealand is ready to consider favourably requests for technical assistance from individual countries. In this regard, a series of training courses is being conducted by New Zealand in Papua New Guinea.

CCC course in Argentina

A CCC Valuation Training Course will be held in Argentina, for two weeks commencing 30 March 1987. All countries of the Latin American region are being invited to participate.