

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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OUTLINE FOR THE SECOND ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION AND OPERATION OF THE AGREEMENT

Note by the Secretariat

1. It is suggested that the following matters be dealt with in the 1982 background document, to be prepared by the secretariat, for the 1982 annual review on 10-12 November 1982:

- (a) composition of the Committee;
- (b) meetings of the Committee;
- (c) decisions taken by the Committee;
- (d) national legislation presented (Article 25) (reference to continued examination of national legislation);
- (e) reservations entered;
- (f) possible amendments and rectifications to the text of the Agreement (treatment of interest for deferred payment and valuation of computer software, agreed interpretation of the word "undertaken" used in Article 8.1(b)(iv));
- (g) possible requirements for amendment of the Agreement;
- (h) litigation (whether in Panels or in national or supranational courts) hinging on the text of the Agreement;
- (i) technical assistance;
- (j) information and advice from the Technical Committee, and general report on the Technical Committee;
- (k) possible substantial difficulties encountered by Parties in applying the Agreement;
- (l) dispute settlement;
- (m) panelists;
- (n) other matters discussed by the Committee relating to implementation.

2. If additional items were considered relevant for inclusion in the outline, Parties should submit them to the secretariat by 13 August 1982.

3. In order to facilitate the conduct of the review the secretariat will prepare a background document setting out - by way of references, where appropriate - all information available on actions taken by Parties under the Agreement. For this purpose, it is suggested that Parties should submit by 1 October 1982 to the secretariat written information concerning the items listed in paragraph 1 above and possible new items to the extent that this has not already been done in the normal course of the Committee's work.

4. It is further suggested that the background document be revised after the review session, to take into account any additional points which would give a full picture of the Committee's activities in 1982.