

through the diversification of its structure. They will continue their efforts, on the basis of reciprocity, to reduce or progressively eliminate all kinds of obstacles to trade and to avoid as far as possible the introduction of new obstacles.

They furthermore express their readiness to examine possible measures to facilitate international trade in medical drugs and instruments.

In the field of business contacts, the participating States declare their readiness to make further efforts to ensure wider participation of small and medium-sized firms in trade and industrial co-operation. To this end, they will improve the financial and administrative conditions for the establishment of joint representations by these firms. They furthermore will work towards an improvement of international telecommunications and postal services, in particular automatic telex connections for business representations.

The participating States, when publishing economic and commercial information reflecting economic developments, will endeavour to use a nomenclature which ensures continuity in the monitoring of changes. They consider that statistical information should permit comparability, be as specific as possible, supplemented by corresponding data in absolute terms, and be available as quickly as possible. They recognize the usefulness of making this and other relevant economic and commercial information existing in other participating States more readily available to business circles in their countries through appropriate channels. Statistical series, bulletins or annuals including data on trade, production, consumption and national income should preferably be published within 12 months of the period to which they relate.

The representatives of the participating States recognize that further efforts are required to improve conditions for the development of industrial co-operation. In this connection they agreed that steps should be taken on the basis of bilateral arrangements to further improve the facilities and accommodation for foreign personnel involved in industrial co-operation projects. It is also considered desirable to identify new forms of co-operation, including co-operation in third markets, to contribute further to the simplification of the procedures and techniques of negotiation of industrial co-operation agreements, and to intensify the exchange of all kinds of information in this field.

The participating States, recognizing the importance of co-operation in the field of energy, and the need to achieve a better understanding of energy resources in the ECE region, declare their readiness to support fully the ECE's current program of information exchange on energy matters,