PREPARATORY MEETING FOR THE Doc. RP II/1/Rev. 1 CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION

Paris, 13 October 1975

AIDE-MEMOIRE ATTACHED TO THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT'S LETTER OF INVITATION DATED 15 SEPTEMBER 1975

- 1.1. It has been agreed that the questions to be discussed during the dialogue between industrialized countries and developing countries are energy, raw materials and the problems of development, including all related financial questions.
- 1.2. These questions will be dealt with on equal footing. The participants in the dialogue will in particular spare no effort to advance toward constructive solutions on each of these subjects.
- 2.1. A new preparatory meeting will be held in Paris at as early a date as possible, and no later than October 15, comprising the same members, at the same level and in accordance with the same rules of procedure (particularly as regards observers) as the preparatory meeting last April.
- 2.2. The name of this meeting will be: "Preparatory meeting for the conference between industrialized countries and developing countries" or "Preparatory meeting for the conference on international economic cooperation".
- 2.3. The task of the preparatory meeting will be:
- to confirm the consensus reached at the April preparatory meeting on the convening of a limited but representative conference, on the number of its participants and on the procedure for their selection;
- to submit to the conference proposals on the setting up of committees and their composition (members and observers).
- 2.4. The preliminary meeting should be prepared in such a way that it reaches a consensus within no more than two to three days.
- 3.1. The preparatory meeting will be followed up, within a maximum of two months, by the conference itself. The conference will comprise 27 members, eight from the industrialized countries and 19 from the developing countries. Each of these two groups will select its representatives to the conference within one month after the preparatory meeting.
- 3.2. The conference will open at the ministerial level. In order to ensure the actual participation of all the ministers, it would be preferable that its duration does not exceed three days.
- 3.3. The essential task of the conference will be to decide on the proposals to be submitted for its approval by the preparatory meeting.
- 3.4. This should induce it to set up four committees, corresponding to