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Informal meeting between members of the Trade Committee and  
representatives of central and eastern European countries

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- The OECD Centre for Co-operation with the European Economies in Transition is organising an informal meeting on "The Role of Trade Policy in the Transition Process" on 26th October 1990 at OECD Headquarters in Paris. This meeting is part of the Centre's programme of co-operative activities which is intended to support the process of economic reform underway in central and eastern Europe.
- Organised with the collaboration of the OECD Trade Committee, the meeting will bring together delegates from that Committee and government officials responsible for trade policy from countries of central and eastern Europe.
- The aim of this first meeting, which is not open to the press, is to identify trade policy issues of mutual interest to both sides which could subsequently be dealt with in more depth and detail in an informal workshop envisaged for 1991. A range of trade policy issues including the following will be discussed: the role of trade policy and the use of various trade policy instruments in the reform process; new forms of co-operation among central and eastern European countries, and the process of trade multilateralisation; development of export capacities and access to western markets.

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