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BACKGROUND

A new round of the seemingly endless North/South discussions in the United Nations is now under way. The current focus is the so-called "global round" of negotiations due to begin late this year or early next following the 35th session of the United Nations General Assembly. When it does get under way the global round is likely to continue for most of 1981 and perhaps into 1982. The Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary's paper, circulated at the suggestion of the Cabinet Office, is meant to give Ministers an account of the origins of this operation and the likely timetable of events. Specific issues will be brought, as they arise, to colleagues for decision; on past form a good deal of the work can be handled between the Ministers directly concerned or otherwise cleared in correspondence.

2. The paper is for background information and no decisions are called for. It is unlikely that any colleagues will want a collective discussion of the paper and, unless asked, we do not intend to place it on the agenda for a meeting.

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