NOTE ON THE MEETING HELD ON 8 AND 9 OCTOBER 1992

1. The Committee met on 8 and 9 October, under the chairmanship of Mr. J. F. Boittin (France) to conduct consultations with Egypt and Tunisia.

2. Under "Other business" the Committee agreed that the next full consultation with the Philippines would take place in the week of 14 December 1992. The consultation would be held in conjunction with the Trade Policy Review of the Philippines. As regards the full consultation with Nigeria, originally scheduled for November/December 1992, the Committee agreed that it would be postponed to early 1993 at the request of Nigeria. The Committee took note that the date for the full consultation with Turkey, scheduled for early 1993, was still subject to further consultations.

3. In the context of a possible annual consultation with the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic under Article XII, the Committee took note of the statement made by the Czechoslovak delegation that, within a very short time, it would notify officially the intention of the federal authorities to abolish the import surcharge, introduced in December 1990, by the end of this year.

4. The representative of the United States reiterated the position of her delegation, presented at the Council meeting held on 29 September, on the import surcharge maintained by South Africa. She said that, if the surcharge was applied for balance-of-payments reasons, then South Africa should consult in the Committee. Two other representatives, pointing out that the issue was under consideration in the Council, also reiterated their concern about the South African measure. The Committee took note of the statements.