NOTE ON THE MEETING HELD ON 2 APRIL 1993

1. The Committee met on 31 March and 1-2 April, under the Chairmanship of Mr. Peter Witt (Germany), to consult with Poland under Article XII:4(a) and Turkey under Article XVIII:12(b).

2. Under "Other Business", on 2 April, the Chairman announced that the consultation with Nigeria, originally scheduled for 22-23 March, had to be postponed at the request of the Nigerian delegation. The Chairman informed the Committee that he had sent a letter to the Nigerian delegation on 10 March, expressing regret that Nigeria asked, a second time, for the postponement of its consultation. At the proposal of the Chairman, which was coordinated with the IMF and Nigeria, the Committee agreed that the consultation with Nigeria should be held on 24-25 May 1993.

3. In the context of a number of postponements of balance-of-payments consultations experienced in recent years, the Chairman stressed the importance of holding consultations as originally scheduled and, therefore, he suggested that postponement of consultations should be subject to greater discipline. At his proposal, the Committee agreed that in the future, if a consulting country wished to ask for postponement of its consultation, the request should be submitted to the Committee and the consultation could only be postponed with the agreement of the Committee.

4. The Chairman announced that the consultations with Israel and South Africa were scheduled for 1 and 2 and 7 and 8 July 1993.

5. The representative of the United States reiterated her interest in receiving a notification from the Philippines on import restrictions maintained under Article XVIII:B, as requested by the Committee (BOP/R/204).