NOTE ON THE MEETINGS HELD ON 24-25 MAY, 1-2 AND 7-8 JULY 1993

1. The Committee met on 24-25 May, 1-2 and 7-8 July, under the Chairmanship of Mr. Peter Witt (Germany), to consult with Nigeria, Israel and South Africa.

2. Under "Other Business", on 25 May and 2 July, the representative of the United States reminded the Committee that the notification from the Philippines on import restrictions maintained under Article XVIII:B, as requested by the Committee in February 1993 (BOP/R/204), was still outstanding. On 8 July the Chairman announced that the representative of the Philippines, in replying to his letter in which he urged the notification by the Philippines, informed him that "... The Government of the Philippines is exerting maximum efforts to complete its notification of import restrictions taken for balance-of-payments reasons, as requested by the Committee during the full consultation of the Philippines last February 1993, and submit this to the Committee by the end of July."

3. At the meeting on 2 July, several members of the Committee pointed out that documentation prepared for balance-of-payments consultations often does not allow the Committee to establish in a precise way which measures are maintained for balance-of-payments purposes by the consulting country. Therefore, the Committee requested the consulting countries and the Secretariat to include in their documents prepared for consultations a section which would describe in detail all the measures maintained under the balance-of-payments provisions of the GATT. The need for circulation of documentation in good time was also stressed.