In the Report of the Working Party on Specific Duties (L/4858) which was adopted by the Council on 29 January 1980 (C/M/138) it is suggested in paragraph 16 that examinations of specific duty adjustments under Article II:6(a) of the General Agreement would, in certain circumstances, be conducted in the Committee on Balance-of-Payments Restrictions.

At the time this Report was drafted the Committee on Tariff Concessions had not yet been established.

In discussions in the Committee on Tariff Concessions it was suggested that the Committee on Tariff Concessions rather than the Committee on Balance-of-Payments Restrictions should be the principal forum for any discussion that might be taken up in connexion with the new guidelines on the adjustment of specific duties suggested by the Working Party (L/4938) and adopted by the Council on 29 January 1980. The Committee on Tariff Concessions requested its Chairman to make a proposal to that effect to the Council.

I therefore wish to suggest that the Council should agree that the functions assigned to the Committee on Balance-of-Payments Restrictions in paragraph 16 of the Report of the Working Party on Specific Duties should instead be allotted to the Committee on Tariff Concessions.