The following communication has been received from the Government of Uruguay:

"I have the pleasure to refer to the recommendations of the Council (see document C/M/6), approved by the CONTRACTING PARTIES during the eighteenth session, concerning the subjects which will be considered by the Ministerial meeting in November next.

"It will be recalled that those contracting parties which wish to propose concrete points to be studied by the Ministers within the framework of the general aspects of the agenda, as well as the measures whose adoption is required by the problems so specified, should formulate their proposals before 1 September next.

"In this connexion, and carrying out instructions received from my Government, I wish to make the following proposals:

1. That all contracting parties take the necessary measures to carry out immediately all their commitments arising from GATT and, therefore, cease applying discriminations and restrictions which are not allowed by the text of the Agreement not by the resolutions of the CONTRACTING PARTIES.

2. That the so-called agricultural waivers be reviewed in the near future, with a view to their early elimination.

3. That the secretariat of GATT prepare yearly a detailed report, equivalent in the field of all forms of trade restrictions and discriminations, to the one which is published every year by the International Monetary Fund in regard to exchange restrictions and controls."
4. That present procedures be strengthened so that all questions in connexion with the interpretation of the text of the General Agreement be solved without delay.

5. That Committee II report within an early pre-determined period on point (b) of its terms of reference, i.e.

To consider, in the light of such data, the extent to which the existing rules of GATT and their application have proved inadequate to promote the expansion of international trade on a reciprocal and mutually advantageous basis as contemplated in Article I,¹ and to report on the steps that might appropriately be taken in the circumstances.

6. That the contracting parties whose interests are adversely affected be authorized by means of an express recommendation on the part of the Ministerial meeting and of a Decision adopted by the CONTRACTING PARTIES, to apply discriminations and restrictions equivalent to those which are applied to them, to the degree that the proposals made above may not be successful and may not bring about a fundamental improvement in the situation of disadvantage in which Uruguay - to provide only one example - must sell its export products.

"The delegation of Uruguay intends to deal at length with the preceding points during the forthcoming Council session; and, in the meantime, it considers it desirable to call the attention of the CONTRACTING PARTIES to the pertinent resolutions recently approved by the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations and by the Meeting of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council with the attendance of Ministers of State, which just finished at Punta del Este."

¹This refers to the Article I (revised).