Following the discussion of item 3(b)(ii) in the Council last Friday, the Chairman has discussed with a number of delegations the recommendations that might be put before the Council for consideration and proposes the following:

1. It is proposed that a Group on Meat be established by the Council as envisaged by the CONTRACTING PARTIES at the nineteenth session. It would remain open to contracting parties to refer to the Council problems arising in international trade in commodities other than cereals and meat.

2. The terms of reference of the Group on Meat should be those set down by Ministers in their recommendations in respect of trade in agricultural products.

3. The secretariat will prepare for distribution a factual paper on international trade in meat including appropriate references to the findings of Committee II in relation to meat products. Members of the Group will be asked to study the paper and to submit to the Executive Secretary any suggestions for overcoming any short or long-term problems affecting the marketing of meat.

4. The Executive Secretary, in consultation with the members of the Group, will decide when the first meeting of the Group should be convened.

5. In the first instance, the problems to be studied by the Group will relate to trade in meat of cattle and sheep. It would, however, be understood that during the course of the work of the Group it might be found desirable to vary somewhat the scope of the study for example by examining also the market situation in some related products, in which case, other countries principally interested in the trade in those products might be asked to join the Group.
6. It is considered that it would be desirable to establish a high level Group of restricted membership, as in the case of cereals, which would include only those countries which are principally concerned in the trade in cattle and sheep meat. It is therefore proposed that the Group should comprise: Argentina, Australia, EEC, New Zealand, United Kingdom, United States and Uruguay.

7. As envisaged in the CONTRACTING PARTIES' Decision of 7 December 1961, the Council will supervise the work of the Group on Meat and the Group will report to the Council on the initial results of its work at the Council's May meeting.