GATT WORK PROGRAMME IN HIGH TECHNOLOGY TRADE

Proposal by the Delegation of the United States

Revision

The following proposal is submitted by the Delegation of the United States regarding a GATT Work Programme on Trade in High Technology Goods. At the Council's meeting of 9 March 1983, the U.S. Representative indicated that the United States Delegation would consult with the delegations of other Contracting Parties regarding the original U.S. proposal circulated in document C/W/409. The following revised proposal is intended to reflect the comments made by other delegations in the course of these consultations.

The Council agrees:

A. To examine aspects of trade in high technology goods, including tariffs, non-tariff and other measures affecting this trade, with a view toward addressing, consistent with the objectives of the General Agreement, problems, if any, that may be identified;

B. That the secretariat, in order to facilitate the aforesaid examination, compile and analyze information in certain selected sectors [1];

C. That the results of the secretariat study should be reviewed by the Council [2]; and,

D. That the Council should report on the results of its review to the CONTRACTING PARTIES no later than the 1984/1985 session.

[1] The sectors to be analyzed are to be decided through consultations among interested Contracting Parties.

[2] At such time as the results of the secretariat study become available, it would be for the Council to decide on the manner in which it would conduct its review.