GENERAL AGREEMENT ON
TARIFFS AND TRADE

COUNCIL
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ASPECTS OF TRADE IN HIGH TECHNOLOGY GOODS

Proposal by the Delegation of the United States

Revision

The following revised proposal is submitted by the Delegation of the United States in the light of the Council's discussion of this matter on 20 April 1983.

1. The Council decides that the secretariat will undertake a background study on aspects of trade in high technology goods relating to tariff, non-tariff measures, and other factors affecting such trade. In undertaking this study, the secretariat will compile and analyze information in certain agreed sectors with the assistance of interested delegations.

2. The Council will examine the study prepared by the secretariat upon its completion with a view toward addressing, in a manner consistent with the objectives of the General Agreement and within an agreed time-frame, problems, if any, that may be identified.

Statement by Chairman of Council:
The sectors to be analyzed are to be decided through consultations among interested contracting parties. Among the sectors mentioned as an example are computers, semi conductors, telecommunications and robotics.