COUNCIL
15-16 May 1984
Item 5(c)

TRADE IN TEXTILES AND CLOTHING

Secretariat Study on "Textiles and Clothing in the World Economy"¹

Draft terms of reference for a working party

Following his informal consultations with a number of contracting parties, the Chairman of the Council has requested that the following text be circulated in connection with the consideration of Item 5(c) of the regular meeting of the Council on 15-16 May.

"In pursuance of the decision taken by the CONTRACTING PARTIES at their Ministerial level meeting of November 1982 (BISD 29S/20) and recalling contracting parties' undertaking, individually and jointly, to examine ways and means of, and to pursue measures aimed at, liberalizing trade in textiles and clothing, including the eventual application of the General Agreement, the Council agrees to set up a Working Party on Textiles and Clothing with the following terms of reference and membership.

Terms of Reference:

'To examine modalities of further trade liberalization in textiles and clothing including the possibilities for bringing about the full application of GATT provisions to this sector. For this purpose, the Working Party will take into account the background study produced by the GATT secretariat and circulated in documents Spec(84)24 and Addenda and any conclusions that it can draw with respect to the matters covered under Paragraph 1 of the Decision on textiles and clothing taken by the CONTRACTING PARTIES at their November 1982 meeting.

The Working Party should complete its work and present its conclusions to the Council in time for the Council to submit the matter for consideration by the CONTRACTING PARTIES at their Session in November 1984.'

¹Circulated in document Spec(84)24 and Addenda
Membership:

The Working Party will be open to all contracting parties. Taking into account the interests of governments which are not contracting parties but are parties to the MFA, those governments may participate fully in the work of the Working Party as observers. International organizations which are observers at meetings of the Council and which desire to be represented as observers at the Working Party may also attend its meetings."