The following communication, dated 17 July 1985 has been received from the Permanent Representative of Brazil.

I have the honour to submit herewith, to be circulated among the contracting parties, a proposal with regard to Agenda Item number 2 of the Session of the Council of Representatives to be held on 17 July 1985.

The Council of Representatives,

Recalling the Ministerial Declaration adopted by the CONTRACTING PARTIES at their 38th session on 29 November 1982, which approved the Work Programme and priorities of GATT for the 1980's decides:

1. To convene a Senior Officials Meeting to be held in the framework of GATT in the month of September 1985 to explore the possibility of a consensus on the need, the subject matter and the modalities for multilateral negotiations on trade in goods;

2. The Senior Officials Meeting will have before it the priorities of the GATT Work Programme and the pertinent elements related to trade in goods contained in the statements and communications submitted by contracting parties individually and/or collectively;

3. The GATT Secretariat is requested to service the Senior Officials Meeting referred to above.
The Council of Representatives,

Recalling the Ministerial Declaration adopted by the CONTRACTING PARTIES at their 38th Session on 29 November 1982, in particular the decision taken on Services contained therein;

Having regard to the Agreed Conclusions adopted by the CONTRACTING PARTIES at their 40th Session on 30 November 1984, on the implementation of the above mentioned Ministerial Decision; and

Recognizing that the issue of Services is not within the competence of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade;

agrees as follows:

1. To authorize the Chairman of the CONTRACTING PARTIES to organize the exchange of information provided for in the Agreed Conclusions of November 1984 on Services, at Senior Officials level, in the month of October 1985.

2. The GATT Secretariat will provide support necessary for this exchange of information at Senior Officials level.

3. The results of this exchange of information will be submitted to the CONTRACTING PARTIES.

4. Should any multilateral action on issues in Services be considered appropriate and desirable, it would be subject to a prior understanding on the following conditions:

   (a) there cannot be any parallelism between possible multilateral action on issues in Services and any GATT negotiations on trade in goods;

   (b) at no stage can there be any trade-offs or cross-linkage between the two processes;

   (c) GATT principles and rules shall not apply to any possible multilateral action on issues in Services;

   (d) secretariat support for any possible multilateral action on Services, including preparation therefor shall be provided jointly by international bodies to be agreed upon.