The Council of Representatives,

Recalling the Ministerial Declaration adopted by the CONTRACTING PARTIES at their Thirty-Eighth Session on 29 November 1982 which approved the work program and priorities of GATT for the 1980s;

Having regard to the agreed conclusions adopted by the CONTRACTING PARTIES at their Fortieth Session on 30 November 1984, on the implementation of the above-mentioned Ministerial Decision;

decides:

- to convene a Senior Officials Meeting to be held in the framework of GATT in the month of September 1985 to undertake discussions on the subject matter and the modalities of a new round of multilateral trade negotiations. These discussions, which would begin on 9 September 1985, would be on the understanding that participation is without commitment and without preconditions by any country as to a future course of action.

A progress report on the discussion will be prepared for the next regular Session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES in order to facilitate a decision on a future course of action.