PROCEDURES FOR FUTURE APPOINTMENTS OF THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL

Communication from Brazil

The following communication, dated 19 June 1986, has been received from the Permanent Representative of Brazil.

I have the honour to submit herewith, a communication containing possible elements on new rules and procedures for the appointment of the Director-General of GATT to be circulated among contracting parties in the context of the examination envisaged in the Council decision of 15 May 1986.

ELEMENTS FOR A DECISION BY THE CONTRACTING PARTIES ON NEW RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF GATT

(a) The Director-General shall be appointed by the CONTRACTING PARTIES, upon recommendation by the Council of Representatives, for a term of 4 years. The Director-General shall not stay in office for more than two terms.

(b) The recommendation to appoint the Director-General shall be adopted by the Council of Representatives by consensus three months before expiry of the outgoing Director-General's term, and shall be subject to the approval of the CONTRACTING PARTIES before the actual expiry date.

(c) Consultations by the Chairman of the CONTRACTING PARTIES for the appointment of the Director-General shall start one year before the term of the Director-General in office expires.

(d) The two Deputy Directors-General shall be appointed by the Council upon the recommendation of the Director-General.

(e) In appointing the Director-General and the two Deputy Directors-General due regard shall be given to securing high standards of efficiency and technical competence. The principles of rotation and equitable geographic distribution shall, as far as possible, be observed.

(f) The Director-General and Deputy Directors-General in the discharge of their functions shall owe their duty entirely to the GATT and to no other authority.

1 Cf. C/M/197 and C/M/200 (item 10)