TRADE POLICY REVIEW MECHANISM

Programme of Reviews for 1990

Reviews of the European Communities, Hungary and Indonesia

Communication from the Chairman

In pursuance of the CONTRACTING PARTIES' Decision of 12 April 1989 concerning the Trade Policy Review Mechanism (L/6490), the Council had decided on 19 July 1989 to review the trade policies and practices of the European Communities, Hungary and Indonesia in late 1990 (L/6554). At the time of this Decision, it could not be foreseen with precision what demands the concluding months of the Uruguay Round would impose on the participants. In the light of the pressure of work on participants in the final phase of the Round, and following informal consultations with delegations, I propose postponing the review meetings originally scheduled for the end of 1990 to the week of 15 April 1991.

It is my understanding that this change in schedule is exceptional, solely due to the strains on resources resulting from the Uruguay Round, and that the next reviews of the three contracting parties concerned will be held as if their trade policies and practices would have been reviewed, for the first time, in late 1990. Accordingly, the second review of the European Communities will be held in 1992, of Indonesia in 1994, and of Hungary in 1996. It is also understood that the programme of reviews in 1991 as established by the Decision of the Council on 11 July 1990 (L/6701 and Add.1) remains unaffected by this change in schedule.