The draft decision on extending the application of the April 1989 Decision on improvements to the GATT dispute settlement rules and procedures which is contained in the Annex reflects the "Decision on Improvements to the GATT Dispute Settlement Rules and Procedures" adopted by the Trade Negotiations Committee on 15 December 1993 as part of the Final Act Embodying the Results of the Uruguay Round for submission to Ministers at Marrakesh (MTN/FA, III.10). However, since this matter concerns essentially current dispute settlement procedures and their continued application, it is proposed that it be submitted to the Council, acting on behalf of the CONTRACTING PARTIES, for action rather than to Ministers at Marrakesh.
The CONTRACTING PARTIES,

Recalling their Decision of 12 April 1989 (BISD 36S/61),

Noting that the improvements to the GATT dispute settlement rules and procedures are being applied on a trial basis until the end of the Uruguay Round and that a decision on their adoption should be taken before the end of the Round,

Considering that the continuation of the improved rules and procedures is necessary for the effectiveness of the dispute settlement mechanism,

Decide,

To keep the above-mentioned improvements in effect until the entry into force of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes contained in Annex 2 of the Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization (MTN/FA, II).