It is suggested that at its sixth meeting the Consultative Group address itself to the following:

1. Recent developments in trade policies and international trade
2. Trade measures taken for balance-of-payments purposes
3. The international trading system and the rôle of GATT
4. Definitive application of the General Agreement
5. Other business

Item 1 - Recent developments in trade policies and international trade

It is suggested that the Group consider this item under the following broad headings:

(a) GATT and current protectionist tendencies
(b) GATT system to monitor trade restrictive measures and practices

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Under this item the Group may wish to continue its review of the current situation and problems in international trade and consider in which concrete ways the framework of GATT and the MTN could be used to forestall a worsening of the present protectionist tendencies.
(b) Monitoring of trade restrictive measures and practices

At the last meeting of the Group it was suggested that a system to monitor trade restrictive measures and practices be established in GATT. After some discussion it was decided that this matter be pursued through informal consultations. The Chairman will inform the Group of the results of these consultations and of the work done by the secretariat in this context.

Item 2 - Trade measures taken for balance-of-payments purposes

The question of trade measures taken for balance-of-payments purposes has been on the agenda of the Group since its first meeting. The discussions held by the Group are summarized in documents CG.18/1 paragraphs 19 to 24, CG.18/2 paragraphs 12 to 20, CG.18/3 paragraphs 11 to 25, CG.18/4 paragraph 19 and CG.18/5 paragraphs 17 to 20. As background material the Group has had before it a note by the Balance-of-Payments Committee reviewing the work of the Committee over the period 1970-1974 (L/4200), memoranda submitted by the members for Argentina (CG.18/W/8) and the United States (CG.18/W/5, 9 and 9/Rev.1), and a list prepared by the secretariat of issues raised at the second meeting of the Group (CG.18/W/7). The Group may now wish to resume the debate on the points raised in the previous meetings. The Group may wish, in particular, to carry forward the discussion relating to the current procedures for balance-of-payments consultations with developing countries.

Item 3 - The international trading system and the rôle of GATT

Under this general item the Group discussed during its fourth and fifth meetings the question of dispute settlement in GATT. The discussions are summarized in documents CG.18/4, paragraphs 21 to 29 and CG.18/5, paragraphs 21 to 24. The Group had before it a note by the secretariat listing specific issues in the area of dispute settlement (CG.18/W/15). As was suggested at the last meeting, the Group may now wish to attempt to draw up an overall picture of the present GATT dispute settlement procedures with a view to facilitating progress towards appropriate improvements.

Item 4 - Definitive application of the General Agreement

This item was introduced by the member for the European Communities at the Group's last meeting. A summary of the initial exchange of views held by the Group is contained in document CG.18/5, paragraphs 29 to 32. A memorandum by the European Communities on the definitive application of the General Agreement has been circulated as document CG.18/W/20. The Group may now wish to revert to this issue.

Item 5 - Other business