Consultative Group of Eighteen
Fifteenth Meeting
25-26 June 1981

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. It is suggested that at its fifteenth meeting the Consultative Group of Eighteen should address itself to the following:

1. The current economic situation and its implications for trade policies, and the future rôle of the GATT.
2. Recent developments in agricultural trade and market situation of major agricultural commodities.
3. Implementation of the results of the MTN.
4. Other business.

Item 1 - The current economic situation and its implications for trade policies, and the future rôle of the GATT

2. It is proposed that under this item the Group should continue the discussion initiated at its March meeting on the current situation of the multilateral trading system and on the major questions with which the contracting parties are likely to be faced in the coming years. The purpose of such a discussion would be to place current trade problems in the context of the future of the trading system and of GATT's rôle in that system. A background paper by the secretariat describing recent economic developments and setting out their implications for trade policy is circulated as CG.18/W/53.

Item 2 - Recent developments in agricultural trade and market situation of major agricultural commodities

3. It is proposed that this item be taken together with Item 1, since developments in agricultural trade are clearly relevant to the future of the trading system as a whole. An analysis of the current economic situation in agriculture and agricultural trade, which the secretariat was asked to prepare at the last meeting of the Group, is circulated as a background document (CG.18/W/55).

Item 3 - Implementation of the results of the MTN

4. It has been agreed that this subject should be kept on the agenda of the Group in order to enable members to comment on progress in the implementation of the MTN results and particularly on the operation of the Codes. A note by the secretariat summarizing main developments in the implementation of the Codes and the framework decisions as well as in the tariff field is circulated as CG.18/W/54. This item also provides an opportunity for discussion of any issues outstanding from the MTN which members may wish to raise.

Item 4 - Other business