Consultative Group of Eighteen
Eighteenth Meeting
4-7 May 1982

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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

   1. The current economic situation and its implications for trade policies
   2. Contribution of the Consultative Group of Eighteen to the preparation of the Ministerial meeting in November 1982
   3. Cooperation on agriculture in the GATT
   4. Other business

Item 1 - The current economic situation and its implications for trade policies

2. The first assessment of the GATT secretariat of the state of international trade in 1981 and of present prospects has been issued as a press release (GATT/1313). It is proposed that this should serve as a background to the Group's discussions but that the Group should not engage in a general discussion of the document or of the current economic situation as such. Any member wishing to speak on these subjects will of course be very welcome to do so.

Item 2 - Contribution of the Consultative Group of Eighteen to the preparation of the Ministerial meeting in November 1982

3. The CG.18 will receive the documentation prepared for the Preparatory Committee meeting of 27 April. It is proposed that the CG.18 should concentrate on the more important or sensitive of the issues requiring consideration by Ministers.

Item 3 - Cooperation on agriculture in the GATT

4. A secretariat paper on this subject (CG.18/W/68) is submitted for the Group's consideration, as agreed at the February meeting. The paper analyses the functioning of international cooperation in agriculture and considers possibilities for its improvement or reinforcement.

Item 4 - Other business