GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

SUB-COMMITTEE ON SUPERSESSION

REPORT TO THE CONTRACTING PARTIES

NOTE BY AUSTRALIAN DELEGATION

1. Under the existing text of Article XXIII paragraph 2 (a), Article 1 would be superseded by Article 1 of the Charter when the Charter entered into force. The text proposed by the Sub-Committee however makes no provision for the supersession or amendment of Article 1 or its associated annexes.

2. Changes have been made at Havana in the texts of Charter Article 16, Annex A, and other annexes associated with Article 16. Some of these changes are agreed to be irrelevant to the General Agreement but others are of some significance. The Australian delegation suggests that the new text of Annex A should be incorporated in the General Agreement, and that such consequential changes as may be required should be made in Article 1. This would perhaps best be dealt with by a working party.