FIFTH MEETING OF CONSULTATIVE GROUP OF EIGHTEEN

The Consultative Group of Eighteen held its fifth meeting on 22 and 23 September 1977. The Chairman was Mr. Olivier Long, Director-General of GATT.

A principal concern of the Group in its discussions was to assess recent developments in trade policies and in international trade and their implications for the economies of both developed and developing countries. Members of the Group were agreed on the need for all their governments to continue to resist protectionist pressures whose dangers for the world economy were generally recognized.

The Group also discussed the application of GATT rules and procedures for reviewing trade measures taken by governments for balance-of-payments purposes.

The Group exchanged views on dispute management in GATT and on problems of world trade in agricultural products.

The Consultative Group of Eighteen, set up by the GATT Council in July 1975, consists of high level representatives, nominated by governments, with trade policy responsibilities in their countries.

The countries represented in the Consultative Group are:

Argentina  
Australia  
Brazil  
Canada  
Egypt  
European Communities and their member  
Japan  
Malaysia  
Norway  
Nigeria  
Peru  
Spain  
Switzerland  
United States  
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