SIXTH MEETING OF CONSULTATIVE GROUP OF EIGHTEEN

The Consultative Group of Eighteen held its sixth meeting on 20 and 21 February 1978. The Chairman was Mr. Olivier Long, Director-General of GATT.

A principal concern of the Group was to assess recent developments and trends in trade policy and in international trade. Discussions focused particularly on the efforts being made by all the governments represented to resist protectionist pressures.

The Group continued its discussions on the application of GATT rules and procedures for reviewing trade measures taken by governments for balance-of-payments purposes, and for dispute management.

The Group also exchanged views on a memorandum, introduced by one member, on definitive application of the General Agreement, which since its inception has been applied only provisionally.

The Consultative Group of Eighteen 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
- Czechoslovakia
- Egypt
- European Communities and their member States
- India
- Japan
- Malaysia
- Nigeria
- Pakistan
- Peru
- Spain
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- United States
- Zaire