The Consultative Group of Eighteen held its eighth meeting on 12 and 13 October 1978. The Chairman was Mr. Olivier Long, Director-General of GATT.

Following its usual practice, the Group reviewed recent developments in trade policies and in international trade. In its assessment of the problem of protectionist pressures, the Group focused particularly on the need to encourage structural adjustment.

The Group took up again its consideration of the tasks likely to face GATT after the conclusion of the Tokyo Round of multilateral trade negotiations. It was agreed that the first priority would be to put into full effect the results of the Tokyo Round itself.

The next meeting of the Group is expected to be held during March 1979.

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