NINTH MEETING OF CONSULTATIVE GROUP OF EIGHTEEN

The Consultative Group of Eighteen held its ninth meeting on 23 and 24 April 1979 in Geneva. The Chairman was Mr. Olivier Long, Director-General of GATT.

In light of the results achieved so far in the Tokyo Round of multilateral trade negotiations, the Group carried forward its discussion of the future GATT work programme. It reviewed the immediate tasks that would be involved in implementing the results of the Tokyo Round, and had a first exchange of views on subjects which might form part of the longer-term work programme.

Members also exchanged views on how best to consult on, and concert, their trade actions and to identify and avoid possible conflicts in trade policies.

Informal discussions on these subjects will take place in the coming months, in preparation for the next meeting of the Group on 16-17 October 1979.

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  European Communities  Japan  Poland
Australia and their member  Malaysia  Spain
Brazil  States  Nigeria  Switzerland
Canada  Finland  Pakistan  United States
Egypt  India  Peru  Zaire

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