The Consultative Group of Eighteen held its tenth meeting on 22 and 23 October 1979 in Geneva. The Chairman was Mr. Olivier Long, Director-General of GATT.

The Group continued its discussion of the future work programme of GATT. The Group focused its attention on the task of putting the results of the Tokyo Round of multilateral trade negotiations into effect as quickly as possible. It also considered a number of other trade policy issues on which it was suggested that work should be undertaken.

In the light of the GATT Council's agreement, in November 1977, to decide the future of the Group of Eighteen at the end of the Tokyo Round, the Group discussed how best it could continue its work so as to fulfil its rôle as a high-level instrument of consultation in the field of international trade, and as a forum for dialogue between developed and developing countries.

The eleventh meeting of the Group will be held on 3 and 4 March 1980.

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
- Egypt
- European Communities
- Finland
- India
- Japan
- Malaysia
- Nigeria
- Pakistan
- Peru
- Poland
- Spain
- Switzerland
- United States
- Zaire