TWELFTH MEETING OF CONSULTATIVE GROUP OF EIGHTEEN

The Consultative Group of Eighteen held its twelfth meeting on 15 July 1980 in Geneva. The Chairman was Mr. Olivier Long, Director-General of GATT.

The Group exchanged views on current trends and prospects in the international economy, and especially in production and trade.

It resumed its discussion, taken up at its eleventh meeting in March 1980, of GATT's role in the area of structural adjustment and trade policy.

The Group also continued to explore the contribution that GATT might make in dealing with the trade problems under discussion in the North-South dialogue.

All these matters will be further discussed at the thirteenth meeting of the Group, which will be held in October 1980.

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