Issues for discussion at next month's ministerial-level session of GATT member countries have been reviewed in Geneva at a three-day meeting of senior trade policy officials. The meeting, which took place from 6 to 8 October, was of GATT's Consultative Group of Eighteen. It focussed on a number of major questions, with the aim of helping to forward the work of the Preparatory Committee for the ministerial-level session.

The Thirty-Eighth Session of the GATT Contracting Parties will take place in Geneva from 22 to 26 November. It will be at ministerial level from 24 November onwards.

Governments represented in 1982: Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Egypt, European Community and Member States, Finland, India, Japan, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Switzerland, Turkey, United States, Zaire. The Chairman is Mr. Arthur Dunkel, Director-General of GATT.