FURTHER DISCUSSION BY GROUP OF EIGHTEEN ON TRADE-FINANCE LINKAGE

Meeting in Geneva on 19 and 20 October, senior trade officials have carried forward a discussion of how GATT, in its own field of trade policy, can best recognize and respond to the linkages between international trade and financial problems. The meeting, of GATT's Consultative Group of Eighteen\(^1\), also reviewed the scope for closer cooperation in this area between GATT and other international institutions. The subject of the relationship between trade policy, debt problems and the financial system had previously been considered at the Group's meeting in May 1983; it will remain on its agenda. The officials also reviewed progress in the two-year work programme established by Ministers at the annual Session of the GATT Contracting Parties in November 1982.

The next meeting of the Consultative Group of Eighteen will be early in 1984.

\(^1\)Governments represented in 1983: Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Egypt, European Community and Member States, Hungary, India, Japan, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Singapore, Switzerland, Turkey, United States, Zaire. The Chairman is Mr. Arthur Dunkel, Director-General of GATT.