DIRECTOR-GENERAL'S FIRST ANNUAL REPORT PRESENTED TO THE COUNCIL

GATT's Director-General, Arthur Dunkel, today presented his annual report on developments in the international trading environment to a meeting of the Council in Geneva.

The report, the first of its kind, is the result of a decision taken as part of the Mid-Term Review of the Uruguay Round and implemented on a provisional basis. It sets out recent trends and expectations in world trade performance, developments in trade policies and some of the factors behind those developments.

Among the issues highlighted by the report are the broadening and expansion of the use of anti-dumping procedures; the use of discriminatory export restraints and economic reform in Eastern Europe. It also includes a list of countries and actions which have liberalized trade since the launching of the Uruguay Round in 1986.