1. The United Kingdom Government notified the Executive Secretary, General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, on 21 August that it had received applications from the Governments of Denmark and New Zealand for the imposition of anti-dumping or countervailing duties on imports of butter from certain countries, pursuant to Article VI of the General Agreement, and that these applications are being urgently examined. The United Kingdom Government requested that in accordance with the procedures laid down in paragraph 1 of Article XXII, a meeting of all the countries principally concerned with the marketing of butter in the United Kingdom should be held at an early date.

In accordance with the request, representatives of thirteen countries, who met from 12 to 15 September 1961 closely examined the present and prospective supply position of butter. They discussed various possibilities designed to strengthen the UK market. The delegations will report to governments on these discussions. The Executive Secretary was authorised to re-convene the meeting later this month, if necessary, after consulting with governments. It was also agreed that governments should be invited to give continued attention to measures recommended at earlier GATT Consultations designed to mitigate over-supply of this commodity, especially on the UK market.

2. The following Governments were represented at the meeting:

Argentina  Netherlands
Australia   New Zealand
Denmark     Norway
Finland     Poland
France      South Africa
Ireland     Sweden

The meeting was also attended by a representative of the Commission of the European Economic Community and observers were present from the FAO and the OEEC.