1. The GATT Council of Representatives met from 22-28 February 1962 under the Chairmanship of Mr. J.A. Lacarte (Uruguay).

2. In November 1961 the Contracting Parties took a number of important decisions, following recommendations by Ministers, concerning the Programme for the Expansion of Trade. The Council reviewed the work that has so far been undertaken in the implementation of those decisions.

In reviewing future work under the Programme the most important action decided on by the Council related to the following:

(a) Trade in Agricultural Products. The Council took note of the first report of the Group on Cereals, which met early in February, and decided to establish a Group on Meat. This Group, which will comprise Argentina, Australia, the European Economic Community, New Zealand, United Kingdom, United States and Uruguay, will in the first instance concentrate on an examination of the problems relating to trade in meat of cattle and sheep. The date for the first meeting of the Group will be decided by the Executive Secretary of GATT in consultation with members of the Group.

(b) Trade of Less-Developed Countries. Committee III of the Trade Expansion Programme has recently concluded a meeting and reported to the Council on its future work. The Committee will meet again in April and May to consider specific programmes of action for the reduction of barriers to the trade of less-developed countries. The Committee has noted that the action taken by the Contracting Parties and Ministers at the nineteenth session marked the termination of the exploratory and fact-finding stage of the Committee's work and provided a basis for positive action. The specific programmes to be considered by the Committee will relate to the reduction of customs tariffs, the removal of quantitative restrictions and other non-tariff barriers and the lowering of fiscal charges, which affect the exports of less-developed countries.

Bearing in mind the view of most Ministers, in their Conclusions, that the question of duty-free entry for tropical products should be given careful consideration, the Council approved the appointment of a Special Group on Trade in Tropical Products which will meet in the near future to consider ways of overcoming difficulties confronting less-developed countries in the export of cocoa, coffee, tea, vegetable seeds and oils, and tropical timber.
3. The Council appointed a Working Party to conduct the first annual review of relations with Poland, under the terms of the Declaration of 9 November 1959.

4. The Council initiated a consultation, under the relevant GATT provision, on the intensification of import restrictions by Ghana.