COTTON TEXTILES COMMITTEE

(Appointed by the CONTRACTING PARTIES on 16 November 1961)

At the invitation of the Council the contracting parties substantially interested in the importation and exportation of cotton textile products met in July. The "Arrangements Regarding International Trade in Cotton Textiles", which were worked out at that meeting, included a short-term arrangement, to be valid until 1 October 1962, and provided for work to be undertaken looking toward a long-term solution. Work on a long-term solution was initiated by a provisional committee in October. At the nineteenth session the CONTRACTING PARTIES established a committee to continue this work with the terms of reference proposed in the record of the July meeting (L/1535) as follows:

Terms of reference:

A. The Committee shall:

1. undertake work looking toward a long-term solution to the problems in the field of cotton textiles on the basis of the guiding principles set out in the Preamble to the Arrangements Regarding International Trade in Cotton Textiles dated 21 July 1961;

2. collect all useful data for this purpose; and

3. at an early date, not later than 30 April 1962, make recommendations for such long-term solution.

B. The discussions and consultations undertaken by the Committee shall be of the kind provided for by the Market Disruption Committee at the seventeenth session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES. The Committee shall, as appropriate, from time to time report to the Market Disruption Committee and to Committee III of the Expansion of Trade Programme on progress made and on its findings.
Membership

The following countries, which have accepted the short-term arrangement, are members of the Committee:

Australia
Austria
Belgium
Canada
Denmark
France

Germany, Federal Republic of
India
Italy
Japan
Luxemburg
Netherlands, Kingdom of the

Norway
Pakistan
Portugal
Spain
Sweden
United Kingdom
United States

The Commission of the European Economic Community will participate in the work of the Committee. The OECD is invited to be represented at the meeting and to collaborate in the work of the Committee.