1. Paragraph 4 of Section A and paragraph 3 of Section B of the Declaration of 9 November 1959 on relations between contracting parties to GATT and Poland provide for an annual review of the implementation of the substantive paragraphs of the Declaration. By Decision of 9 November 1959 the CONTRACTING PARTIES accepted to perform such functions as are necessary for the operation of the Declaration. The Declaration came into force on 16 November 1960. It was agreed by the Council in September 1961 that the first review should be carried out either by the CONTRACTING PARTIES or by the Council in the first half of 1962 (cf.C/W/8).

2. The Council, at its meetings in February 1962, agreed that the review should be carried out by a working party with the following terms of reference and membership:

"To conduct the first annual review under paragraphs A:4 and B:3 of the Declaration of 9 November 1959 on relations between contracting parties and Poland and to submit a report to the Council at its meeting in May 1962."

Australia Denmark Italy
Austria France Sweden
Belgium India United Kingdom
Canada Indonesia United States
Czechoslovakia

3. The Council, in the light of the provisions of the Declaration, also agreed that the review should cover the following aspects of the relations between Poland and the participating contracting parties:

(a) efforts made and progress achieved in the expansion of trade between Poland and the participating countries;
(b) any problems arising from the trading relations between Poland and the participating countries; and any representations or consultations that may have been made or carried out pursuant to paragraph A:2 or B:2 of the Declaration; and

(c) action taken or arrangements made by Poland for making public its laws, regulations, judicial decisions, administrative rulings and agreements, as well as statistics pertaining to trade, as provided for in paragraph A:3 of the Declaration.

4. Arrangements have been made for the Working Party to meet in the course of the next meeting of the Council in May with a view to drawing up a report for the Council's consideration. The secretariat has been instructed to prepare a document setting out relevant factual data useful to the Working Parties, and to this end, to obtain the necessary information from the governments concerned. The information to be obtained from the Government of Poland should cover all the three points mentioned in paragraph 3(a) above, and the participating contracting parties are asked to supply information on the first two points.

5. In accordance with the Council's instructions, the secretariat aims at distributing such a background document in April. Contracting parties signatories to the Declaration of 9 November 1959 are requested to supply the information mentioned above as soon as possible before the end of March.