At its meeting on 30 April 1973 the Council adopted the following decision amending the terms of reference of the working party.

The Council:

Recognizing the objectives of the Multilateral Trade Negotiations, particularly the objectives of the greater liberalization and expansion of trade,

Recognizing the great importance to many of the contracting parties of trade in textiles and textile goods of cotton, wool and man-made fibres, and the unsatisfactory situation that exists in international trade in these products,

Recognizing the particular importance of the trade in these products, particularly cotton products, for the economic and social development of developing countries, and for their export earnings,

Recognizing that solutions to problems in textile trade should be sought against the background of the principles and objectives of the General Agreement and the expiration of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Cotton Textiles on 30 September 1973,

Having received and examined the study of fact prepared by the Working Party pursuant to the Council's decision of 27 June 1972,

Decides that:

I. The Working Party should, on the basis of its factual study (document L/3797), together with such other information as may be relevant for its work, and having the fullest regard to the considerations set out in the preamble above:

(1) identify and examine the problems that exist in international trade in textiles and textile goods, and

(2) with regard to such examination seek possible alternative multilateral solutions to these problems. The search for multilateral solutions to textile trade problems will be without prior commitment as to the position of any participant.
II. The Working Party shall make a progress report on these matters to the Council not later than 30 June 1973.

Membership:

The membership is open to all interested countries. The following Governments have indicated their wish to be members of the Working Party:

Argentina  
Australia  
Austria  
Brazil  
Canada  
Colombia  
Cuba  
Egypt  
El Salvador  
European Economic Community and Member States  

Finland  
Greece  
India  
Israel  
Jamaica  
Japan  
Korea  
Malaysia  
Mexico  
Norway  

Portugal  
Romania  
Spain  
Sri Lanka  
Sweden  
Switzerland  
Trinidad and Tobago  
Turkey  
United States  
Uruguay  
Yugoslavia  
Zaire

Chairman: Mr. O. Long (Director-General)