COMMITTEE ON TECHNICAL BARRIERS TO TRADE

Meeting of 20-22 October 1981

Note from the Chairman

1. The Committee held its eighth meeting on 20-22 October 1981, under the Chairmanship of Mr. S. Tamura (Japan).

2. The Committee heard a third progress report from the Chairman of the Working Party on the Accession of Bulgaria to the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade. It agreed to revert to the matter when a report by the Working Party is presented to it.

3. The Committee discussed regional standards-related activities, as well as a study on the activities of non-governmental standardizing bodies to be prepared by the secretariat. It will revert to these matters at its next meeting.

4. Following informal consultations among experts responsible for the enquiry points established under the Agreement, the Committee adopted a number of practical steps to improve the flow of information about technical regulations, standards and certification systems among signatories.

5. The Committee heard statements and clarifications from a number of signatories about steps taken by them to implement and administer the Agreement. It completed its second annual review of the operation of the Agreement in accordance with Article 15.8 on the basis of factual documentation prepared by the secretariat, and adopted its second annual report to the CONTRACTING PARTIES (L/5218).

6. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on 4-5 March 1982.