1. The Committee held its ninth meeting on 4 March 1982. It elected Mr. K. Bergholm (Finland) Chairman, and Mr. D. Bondad (Philippines), Vice-Chairman for 1982.

2. The Committee heard statements from signatories on measures taken by them to implement and administer the Agreement. It agreed to keep this item on its agenda for future meetings.

3. The Committee took note of the information collected by the secretariat on the activities of regional standardizing and certifying bodies and of the replies given by some of these bodies to questions addressed to them by signatories. It also noted the information assembled by the secretariat on individual standardizing and certifying bodies and on existing international standards and it agreed to revert to these subjects at its next meeting.

4. The Committee took note of the information provided by the secretariat on the on-going activities of other organizations in the field of testing and inspection and decided to revert to this matter at a future meeting in the light of further information that may be available.

5. The Committee had a first exchange of views on a secretariat proposal concerning common elements for inclusion in information booklets that Parties may wish to issue on their enquiry points. It agreed to establish appropriate guidelines in this area at its next meeting.

6. The Committee adopted an indicative time-table for preparations for the third annual review and for the first three-year review of the operation and the implementation of the Agreement.

7. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on 24-25 May 1982.