COMMITTEE ON SUBSIDIES AND COUNTERVAILING MEASURES

Meeting of 29 April 1982

Note from the Chairman

1. The Committee on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures met on 29 April 1982 under the chairmanship of Mr. M. Ikeda (Japan).

2. The Committee adopted a decision on the reservation made by Spain on its acceptance of the Agreement (SCM/W/32).

3. The Committee examined national legislations of New Zealand and Chile (SCM/1/Add.15 and 16 respectively).

4. The Committee continued its discussion of the question of notifications of subsidies under Article XVI:1 of the General Agreement. The Committee also discussed a notification of subsidies made under Article 7:3 of the Agreement (SCM/18, 19 and 22).

5. The Committee examined semi-annual reports of countervailing duty actions taken within the period 1 July 1981-31 December 1981 (SCM/15 and addenda). The following Signatories have notified the Committee that they had not taken any countervailing duty action during that period (SCM/15/Add.3): Austria, Brazil, Chile, Finland, India, Japan, Korea, Norway, Pakistan, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom on behalf of Hong Kong and Yugoslavia. Countervailing duty actions have been notified by Canada (SCM/15/Add.2), European Communities (SCM/15/Add.1) and the United States (SCM/15/Add.4).

6. The Committee discussed a matter referred to it under Article 17:1 of the Agreement by India and related to certain domestic procedures of the United States (SCM/20).

7. The Committee had an exchange of views on a possible contribution to the preparations for the GATT Ministerial meeting. The Committee will revert to this matter in the light of written submissions from Signatories.

8. It was agreed that the regular autumn session of the Committee will take place in the week of 25 October 1982.