1. In accordance with the Decision adopted on 29 November 1982 by the CONTRACTING PARTIES with respect to problems of trade in certain natural resource products, including their semi-processed and processed forms (L/5424, page 13), the Council decides that in order to facilitate this work the secretariat will undertake a background study on problems of trade in non-ferrous metals and minerals relating to tariffs, non-tariff measures, and other factors affecting trade.

2. The Council invites the Director-General to consult with any intergovernmental organizations and individual experts as appropriate, in order to obtain information necessary for the preparation of the study. The Council invites interested delegations to provide to the secretariat any information which might be required to ensure the study is complete and accurate.

3. The Council will examine the study prepared by the secretariat upon its completion with a view to recommending, within an agreed time frame, possible solutions.