Note from the Chairman

1. The Committee on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures met on 17 November 1983 under the chairmanship of Mr. M. Ikeda (Japan).

2. The Committee examined the national legislation of Uruguay (SCM/1/Add.19) and continued its examination of national legislations of Australia (SCM/1/Add.18 and Suppl.1 and 2) and New Zealand (SCM/1/Add.15).

3. The Committee continued its discussion of the question of notifications of subsidies under Article XVI:1 of the General Agreement (SCM/W/61 and SCM/45). The Committee agreed that Signatories should submit written comments on points raised in document SCM/45.

4. The Committee examined semi-annual reports of countervailing duty actions taken within the period 1 January-30 June 1983 (SCM/44 and addenda). The following Signatories have notified the Committee that they had not taken any countervailing duty action during that period (SCM/44/Add.1): Austria, Brazil, Egypt, Finland, India, Korea, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom on behalf of Hong Kong, Uruguay and Yugoslavia. Countervailing duty actions have been notified by Australia (SCM/44/Add.6), Canada (SCM/44/Add.7), Chile (SCM/44/Add.2), the EEC (SCM/44/Add.5), Japan (SCM/44/Add.3) and the United States (SCM/44/Add.4).

5. The Committee agreed to submit a supplementary report to the CONTRACTING PARTIES (L/5496/Add.1).

6. It was agreed that the next regular session of the Committee will take place in the week of 7 May 1984.