WORKING PARTY ON TRADE IN CERTAIN NATURAL RESOURCE PRODUCTS

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Brazil  Iceland  Poland
Canada  Japan  Spain
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Cuba  New Zealand  United States
Egypt

Terms of reference:

"To examine, in accordance with the Decision on Problems of Trade in Certain Natural Resource Products adopted at the Ministerial meeting of the CONTRACTING PARTIES in 1982 (BISD 29S/20), problems falling under the competence of the General Agreement relating to tariffs, non-tariff measures, and other factors affecting trade in the following natural-resource products including in their semi-processed and processed forms, with a view to recommending possible solutions:

(a) non-ferrous metals and minerals,
(b) forestry products,
(c) fish and fisheries products.

The Working Party shall conduct its examination on the basis of background documents prepared by the secretariat. Other relevant documentation, including any information provided by delegations, may also be considered.

The Working Party shall submit a separate report to the Council on each of the three areas mentioned above. Each report will be submitted to the Council when it is concluded, independently from progress in the other areas. A progress report will be submitted to the fortieth session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES in November 1984.

Work in each area will progress in accordance with its own time-frame, and not be linked to progress in the other areas."