Note from the Chairman

1. The Committee held its twelfth meeting on 13 March 1985 under the Chairmanship of Mr. A. Liontas (Greece). It re-elected Mr. Liontas as Chairman, and Mr. C. Hammar (Sweden) as Vice-Chairman, for 1985.

2. The Committee took note of information on import licensing procedures made available both orally and in writing by signatories and of the status of notifications made in response to the GATT Questionnaire on Import Licensing Procedures annexed to document L/5640.

3. The Committee reverted to the issue of the need for one Party to comply with the provisions of Article 3(c) of the Agreement. While recognizing the progress made by the Party, the Committee again urged it to fulfill all its obligations under the Agreement as quickly as possible, and to keep the Committee informed accordingly.

4. The Committee held a preliminary discussion of the first stage of the work programme agreed to at its eleventh meeting, based on a secretariat paper (LIC/W/25). It was agreed that more information was needed to complete the exercise, and that delegations would assist the secretariat in compiling such information.

5. The Committee decided to hold a special meeting with non-signatory contracting parties in accordance with the action taken by the CONTRACTING PARTIES at their 40th Session concerning MTN Agreements and Arrangements (L/5756). The special meeting is scheduled for the morning of 17 April 1985.

6. The Committee decided to hold its next meeting on 12 June 1985 to continue its examination of the Work Programme and to consider the procedures for the biennial review to be undertaken in autumn 1985.