1. During their session in November 1985, the CONTRACTING PARTIES agreed that the Working Party on Textiles and Clothing should continue to examine modalities of further trade liberalization in textiles and clothing, including the possibilities of bringing about the full application of GATT provisions to this sector (L/5932).

2. The Working Party met once in March 1986 and did not meet subsequently in view of the on-going negotiations in the Textiles Committee on the future of the Multifibre Arrangement and the discussions in the Preparatory Committee on the subject of textiles. The Protocol extending the Textiles Arrangement until 31 July 1991 was adopted by the Textiles Committee on 31 July 1986.

3. In the light of the Ministerial Declaration launching the Uruguay Round and the decision contained in it with respect to negotiations on textiles and clothing, the Chairman of the Working Party has consulted informally with a very large number of delegations represented in the Working Party on its future activities. It has been noted by members of the Working Party in this connexion that work in the area of textiles and clothing will now be pursued in the context of the Ministerial Declaration on the Uruguay Round and any organizational arrangement to this end would have to be made by the Group of Negotiations on Goods. In the circumstances the CONTRACTING PARTIES might consider it appropriate for the Working Party to terminate its work at the present time.

4. Members of the Working Party also felt that there were no substantive additions to be made to the previous report of the Working Party submitted to the CONTRACTING PARTIES at their 1985 session set out in document L/5892.

5. The members considered that it would be sufficient for the Chairman to report their views to the Council and the CONTRACTING PARTIES on behalf of the Working Party.