Note from the Chairman

1. The Committee held its twenty-fifth meeting on 23 November 1989 under the chairmanship of Mr. R. Molloy (Ireland).

2. The Committee took note of revised, corrected or updated replies to the GATT Questionnaire on Import Licensing Procedures from Argentina, Australia, the Benelux countries, Finland, Norway, Romania, South Africa, Sweden, and Switzerland, as well as publications containing information on import licensing procedures received from Canada and New Zealand. Publications containing information on import licensing procedures and a new reply to the Import Licensing Questionnaire were received shortly before the meeting from the United States and will be taken up at the Committee's next meeting.

3. The Committee conducted the fifth biennial review of the Agreement.

4. The Committee heard statements by the United States and Hong Kong on revisions to their joint proposal for improving the Agreement which had been circulated to participants in the Negotiating Group on MTN Agreements and Arrangements and to members of the Committee. Some delegations made preliminary comments on the revisions.

5. The Committee agreed on the text of its Report (1989) to the CONTRACTING PARTIES.

6. The Committee agreed to hold its next meeting on 19 March 1990.