Note from the Chairman

1. The Committee on Import Licensing held its twenty-sixth meeting on 19 March 1990. The Committee elected Mr. David Plunkett (Canada) as Chairman and Miss Yong Siew Min (Singapore) as Vice-Chairperson for 1990.

2. The Committee took note of revised, corrected or updated replies to the GATT Questionnaire on Import Licensing Procedures from Argentina, New Zealand and the United States, as well as publications containing information on import licensing procedures received from Canada, Hong Kong and the United States.

3. The representatives of Argentina, Hungary and Poland informed the Committee of recent changes that had been made, or that were in the process of being introduced, to their import licensing procedures.

4. The Committee heard a statement by the United States on the meeting of 28 February 1990 of the informal group established by the Negotiating Group on MTN Agreements and Arrangements to examine the proposal by the United States and Hong Kong to strengthen the Agreement on Import Licensing.

5. The Committee agreed that the Chairman should consult informally on an appropriate time for the Committee to hold its next meeting.