Since last reporting to this Working Party in September 1984, the OECD Committee for Fisheries has been in the process of finalizing the study on Problems of Trade in Fisheries Products. A revised version of this document has been circulated for verification by delegates and the whole study will probably be approved within the next few weeks.

The work on the trade study has been reviewed by the Trade Committee to the OECD. This Committee attaches great importance to liberalization of trade in this field. The Trade Committee may revert to this study when approved by the Committee for Fisheries.

Meanwhile, the study opens a range of questions which will have to be analyzed in the future. Bilateral arrangements, conditions of access to resources, further liberalization of trade, sanitary regulations and financial aid being a few examples of work which the Committee for Fisheries may decide to embark upon. The discussions of the Programme of Work will take place at the forthcoming session scheduled for 25-26 June, hence it should be possible to give a more detailed account at the next meeting of this Working Party.