Preparatory Committee

RECORD OF MEETING

Held on 19 February 1982

Management and Administration of the Ministerial Meeting

1. The Committee noted that consultations in regard to the question of the site of the Ministerial Meeting were continuing with a view to enabling the Chairman to come to a final conclusion on this question, which would be reported to the next session of the Committee.

Substantive Preparations for the Ministerial Meeting

2. The Committee had two documents before it which had been issued since the last meeting: a revised version of the catalogue of suggested topics (PREP.COM/W/1/Rev.1) and written justifications for a number of items (PREP.COM/W/2 and Add/1).

3. The Committee noted a statement by the Director-General setting out some conclusions he had drawn from discussions on the Ministerial Meeting in the Consultative Group of Eighteen and his consultations with delegations. It noted a number of general statements, inter alia, on the objectives of the Ministerial meeting and criteria for selecting items for Ministerial consideration.

4. The Committee noted statements on the revised catalogue in which a large number of delegations indicated their interest in individual items in the catalogue. Some delegations also indicated items which they did not consider suitable for consideration at the Ministerial meeting.

5. The Committee also noted some statements justifying some of the items in the catalogue.

6. The Committee noted the Chairman’s closing remarks on the statements that had been made and some working hypotheses relating to the agenda and documentation for the Ministerial Meeting. The Committee agreed that, at the next meeting, it should continue the justification exercise and should examine proposals tabled. It noted that the time-table indicated that at its next meeting the Committee should aim to have a first idea of the items which Ministers would be asked to consider and of the problems to be dealt with.

Agenda and date of next meeting

7. The Committee agreed that the following items be included on the agenda for the next meeting:

- Management and administration of the Ministerial Meeting
- Substantive preparations for the Ministerial Meeting
- Justification of items on catalogue of suggested topics
- Specific proposals

8. It further agreed to hold its next meeting on 25 (and 26) March, starting at 10 a.m.