Management and Administration of the Ministerial Meeting

1. The Committee agreed that the next session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES should be held in the Geneva International Conference Centre.

Substantive Preparations for the Ministerial Meeting

2. The Committee had the catalogue of suggested topics (PREP.COM/W/1/Rev.1) before it. It noted that three topics suggested at its last meeting should be added to the list: double pricing systems, domestic legislation or draft legislation of a protectionist nature, and exchange rate problems.

3. The Committee also had before it a number of justifications for items in the catalogue (PREP.COM/W/2 and Add.l, W/3). The Committee noted statements by a large number of delegations indicating an interest in individual items in the catalogue, justifying this interest and setting out priorities among items. The Committee noted a number of criteria for establishing such priorities.

4. The Committee noted views by delegations on the basic problems facing the world trading community and on the objectives of the ministerial meeting.

5. The Committee noted a large number of statements on the structure of the ministerial meeting and of the final document to be put before ministers. A statement by the delegation of Sweden, speaking on behalf of the Nordic countries is contained in PREP.COM/W/4. The Committee noted that its time-table provided for a first approximation to the final product (i.e. Items to be covered, main problems to be dealt with) by its next meeting. It noted that it had also invited contributions from other GATT bodies if possible by that time. The Committee noted the Chairman's statement on the clustering of items and the next phase of the work. It agreed that, on the basis of suggestions made in the Committee and further consultations, a short paper should be prepared for consideration at the Committee's next meeting which would enable it to bring its deliberations into better focus.

Agenda and date for next meeting

6. The Committee agreed that its next meeting should be held on the afternoon of Tuesday, 27 April and the morning of Wednesday, 28 April 1982.

7. The Committee agreed that the agenda for its next meeting should include:

- catalogue of suggested topics
- specific proposals
- first approximation to final product