Preparatory Committee

RECORD OF MEETING

Held on 22 June 1982

Management and Administration of the Ministerial Meeting

1. The Committee agreed that at its July meeting it would have a first discussion of the programme structure of the Ministerial portion of the session and the schedule of other events and noted that a paper might be circulated before that meeting. It also noted that the Swiss authorities would be organising a dinner on Wednesday 24 November which would be presided over by the President of the Confederation.

Substantive preparations for the Ministerial Meeting

2. The Committee had before it a redraft of Part 1 of the "First Approximation" dated 21 June 1982. Many delegations also made specific suggestions on various points in the text. Many delegations commented on the general tone and style in which the draft was written, its structure, the main elements which it contained and its relationship to Parts 2 and 3. The Chairman concluded that a common understanding seemed to be emerging on some of these elements. The Committee noted the statements made.

3. One delegation suggested that the topic "Full implementation of the GATT" should be dealt with in the text to be submitted to ministers. One delegation said that it intended to submit a paper on fisheries.

4. The Committee recalled that its immediate objective was to have ready a first draft, dealing with all three parts and embodying the largest possible measure of agreement, by mid-July. It noted the arrangements made in accordance with the decision at its last meeting (PREP.COM/R/6, paragraphs 5 and 6) in order to permit the preparation of the first draft of all three Parts by that time.

Next meeting

5. The Committee recalled that its next meeting would be held on 27 and 28 July 1982. It noted that the first draft should be circulated to delegations one week before that meeting. Finally, it recalled that its first meeting after the break would be held on 23 September (PREP.COM/R/6, paragraph 6).