The following text, suggested as an alternative approach to paragraphs 7 and 8 of the text in PREP.COM/W/33, was discussed during the consultations referred to in the cover note of that document. Time did not permit completion of that discussion and the text is therefore put forward for the assistance of the Preparatory Committee in its consideration of the relevant portions of PREP.COM/W/33.

Paragraphs 7 and 8

[Determined to prevent any further unravelling of the multilateral trading system, the CONTRACTING PARTIES, collectively and individually, undertake:

- to reinforce their efforts at both political and operational levels to refrain from actions inconsistent with GATT principles, rules and practices;
- to seek actively ways of reinforcing and improving the operation of the GATT system;
- to resist successfully protectionist pressures in the formulation and implementation of national trade policy and legislation.

To this end, the CONTRACTING PARTIES decide, inter alia, on:

(i) LDCs

- action aimed at a further liberalization of trade in products of interest to LDCs, particularly to the least-developed countries and, in parallel, an examination of modalities for a fuller participation by LDCs in the framework of rights and obligations under the GATT.

(ii) Agriculture

- a major work programme to achieve genuine multilateral international co-operation and to reduce tensions in agricultural trade.
(iii) **Safeguards**

- negotiations to overcome the remaining difficulties in order to reach a comprehensive understanding on safeguards during the next twelve months.

(iv) **Dispute Settlement**

- **improvement** in the operation of the dispute settlement procedures based on more constructive consultation, greater recourse to conciliation and the more effective resolution of disputes at the multilateral level without creating a situation of "impasse".

(v) **Textiles**

- **preparation** for the period after the expiry of MFA III.