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PLAN FOR CONSULTATIONS UNDER ARTICLE XIV: 1(g)

I. Basis and background for the application of discrimination

1. Trade and payments position and trends with respect to various currency areas;

2. Level and movement of reserves;

3. General position and the reasons for the continued resort to the provisions of Article XIV: 1(c) or of Annex J.

II. System of discriminatory restrictions and their effects

4. Description of the system of restrictions applying to imports from different areas, countries or groups of countries; changes in the past year;

5. Changes in quotas for imports, or in the criteria used in licensing imports not under quota, from such areas, countries or groups of countries;

6. Price considerations as a factor in determining the discriminatory elements in licensing policy;

7. Participation in multilateral or regional payments arrangements;

8. Extent to which bilateral agreements are used; their nature and scope (whether they provide for the fixing of import quotas, or involve undertaking to purchase goods or to issue licences, etc.); their effects on the administration of import restrictions;

9. Effects of discriminatory restrictions; measures taken to ensure that discriminatory restrictions do not cause unnecessary damage to the commercial or economic interests of other contracting parties.

III. Prospects

10. Prospects of eliminating the discriminatory restrictions.