Subsidies

Article XVI of the General Agreement does not forbid the grant or maintenance of production subsidies. However, if they operate either directly or indirectly to increase exports or reduce imports information of the extent and nature of the subsidization should be notified to the GATT. A country may be called on to consult with the CONTRACTING PARTIES about the possibility of limiting any subsidy which causes or threatens serious prejudice to the interests of another contracting party.

In principle contracting parties should not grant export subsidies. Countries are expected not to introduce a new or to extend any existing subsidy on industrial products. With regard to primary products contracting parties are exhorted as far as possible not to subsidize exports and, where exports are subsidized, are required to avoid doing so in a way which gives them more than a low share of the world trade in the product concerned.

87. How could determinations be made, for the purposes of Article XVI, of the extent and nature of subsidization on products produced by, or traded in, by State enterprises in Poland? If the extent and nature of subsidization can be determined would such information be annually notified to GATT, together with the estimated effect of the subsidization, in accordance with Article XVI and the Decision of 2 March 1950?

88. Where subsidization measures caused or threatened serious prejudice to the interests of any other contracting party would Poland be prepared to discuss with the contracting party concerned the possibility of limiting the subsidization?

89. Are any other export incentive measures in force such as special credit terms for exportation?

90. Is the difference between the cost of imported goods and the receipts from their sales in Poland used to subsidize production or export in order that products may be exported at prices lower than their domestic prices?

Export Quotas

91. Would the Polish Government be prepared to conform with the provision in the General Agreement which prohibits the establishment of export quotas?

General Questions Concerning Future Commercial Policy

92. Could the Polish Government provide an outline of the expected revision of the Customs Laws?
93. To what extent is it possible for Polish enterprises or individuals to import directly without going through the intermediary of a foreign trade monopoly? Is any change in the present regime contemplated?

**Conciliation Procedures**

94. Would the Polish Government be prepared to accept that the provisions and procedures of Articles XXII and XXIII of the General Agreement would be applicable to any disputes which might result from action by State enterprises in external trade?