Panel on Subsidies and State Trading

STATE TRADING

Suggested Points for General Discussion

1. Possibility of distinguishing between various types of state trading aiming at a clarification of the types of state trading which have to be notified in the sense of the provisions of Article XVII (in particular also to unnecessary notification).

2. Elaboration of a questionnaire which leads to more comprehensive replies than the questionnaire which was the basis for the replies reproduced in L/784 and Addenda. In particular, questions should be added so as to bring out more clearly:

   (a) the motives and the purpose for introducing and maintaining state trading;

   (b) a description of the functioning of the state trading organizations not only in so far as the statutory provisions are concerned but also a description of their practical functioning;

   (c) the relation of private trade to state trading and, in particular, to split the statistical data (for production, import and export) into figures accordingly.

   (d) statistical information concerning production, import and export, in a comparable form.

3. What further reports or notifications does the Group of experts think should be obtained.

4. A list of questions which could be studied more advantageously with the problem of subsidies.

5. Other problems to be dealt with in connection with state trading, such as levies.

6. Action concerning countries which have not notified.