1. Several delegations have indicated that when the technical sub-committee meets it should have before it statistics on the structure of production, consumption and trade in cotton textile articles with respect to the countries participating in the arrangement. It is proposed that these data should be compiled on the basis of the statistics already made available to the Provisional Committee (in particular, document Spec(61)226). In order to facilitate comparisons between countries, per caput figures would be computed.

2. As regards imports, a comparison between importing countries can be made only if information is available on imports intended for domestic consumption, as apart from quantities re-exported as such or after processing. Where these data are not usually collected, the countries concerned should furnish estimates for a recent year.

3. Some delegations have mentioned the advisability of studying trends in production and consumption in participating countries. It would be helpful if these countries were to furnish annual production and consumption figures for the period 1950-1960, indicating in addition whether or not estimates for the coming five or ten years are available.

4. As indicated in the report of the Statistical Group on Textiles dated 17 July 1961 (Spec(61)225), it is difficult to compile comparable statistics on textile sub-categories on the basis of existing sources. In collecting data for the meeting of the technical sub-committee, it might be preferable to consider only a few groups of articles, which might be the following:

(i) cotton yarn
(ii) cotton fabrics, grey
(iii) other cotton fabrics and cotton made-up articles.

With regard to cotton wearing apparel, it does not seem possible to collect before the beginning of December comparable statistics of apparent production, imports and consumption. It is suggested that a table might be prepared showing, for importing countries, statistics of imports and household expenditure in respect of all wearing apparel (all fibres).

5. Annexed to the present note is a list of basic statistics which might be collected before the end of November 1961 for circulation to members of the technical sub-committee at its meeting on 11 December 1961.

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ANNEX

List of Statistical Data

I. Structure of trade and production in cotton textiles in 1960

1. Production (total and per caput) broken down into:
   (i) yarns
   (ii) grey cloth
   (iii) other fabrics

2. Imports:
   (i) total
   (ii) from six selected countries

3. Total supply (production + imports - exports)

4. Share in total supply of:
   (i) total imports
   (ii) imports from six selected countries

5. Garments: imports and expenditures per caput on garments (all fibres)

II. Consumption trends in importing countries

1 - 1950-1960

2 - Projections (if any)

III. Production trends in exporting countries

1 - 1950-1960

2 - Projections (if any)