7. One of the particular difficulties which the Committee has encountered in attempting to draw conclusions from its work in carrying out the mandate given to it by the CONTRACTING PARTIES, stems from the wide variety of national agricultural policies pursued. These in turn have led to the adoption of widely different measures of protection or support. Notwithstanding the difficulties the Committee has endeavoured to tackle its work in a realistic way, recognizing that each country, whether an exporting or importing country, seeks to maintain economic stability and social equilibrium; keeping in mind that two of the fundamental aims of GATT are a promotion of the expansion of international trade and the development of the full use of the resources of the world.