I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Sub-Group met from 18-22 March 1963 under the chairmanship of the Deputy Executive Secretary.

2. Representatives of the following countries, which are members of the Sub-Group, participated in the meeting:

   Brazil          Ghana          Nigeria
   Ceylon          India          Sweden
   EEC            Indonesia       United Kingdom
   United States

3. The following countries, which are not contracting parties to the GATT and which had been invited to participate, were represented at the meeting:

   Colombia        Ecuador       Madagascar
   Congo (Leopoldville) Honduras    Mali
   Costa Rica      Ivory Coast    Niger
   Panama          Senegal

4. The following countries were represented by observers:

   Australia      Czechoslovakia  New Zealand
   Austria        Denmark        Norway
   Canada         Israel         Peru
   Cuba           Japan         Portugal
   Spain          Turkey
   Yugoslavia
5. The following were also represented:

European Free Trade Association
Food and Agriculture Organization
Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development
Organization of American States.

6. At the previous meeting of the Sub-Group held from 3-6 December 1962 it was agreed that the secretariat should undertake a certain programme of work in connexion with the Sub-Group's terms of reference. The outline of this work was set out in document I/1946.

7. The documents subsequently prepared by the secretariat in accordance with the agreed work programme constituted the background against which the discussions of the Sub-Group at the present meeting took place. The documents concerned were those on individual commodities namely coffee, bananas, cocoa and tropical oils and oilseeds (W(63)1 to 5) and the individual country studies on Ivory Coast, Nigeria, Senegal and Somalia (W(63)6 to 9). The Sub-Group also discussed tea and tropical timber at its meeting.