Item I: Measures for the Expansion of Trade of Developing Countries as a Means of Furthering their Economic Development

First of all I would say that Mr. Haekkerup has asked me to convey his regrets that he was forced for reasons of parliamentary business to proceed to Copenhagen so he could not be with us today. Secondly, in deference to your wish I shall be very brief when setting out the position of Denmark. The Government of Denmark welcomes the result of the study of measures for the expansion of trade of developing countries and we think the Contracting Parties, as a proper forum for this work, are to be congratulated on the progress made so far. The Danish Government can in general subscribe to the Conclusions and Recommendations contained in the reports, and is ready, together with the other countries to which the proposals are addressed, to seek agreement on a joint Programme of Action along the lines set out. So much for the substance. As regards procedure we can accept the proposals made in the reports.