Draft Conclusion

1. The Committee agreed that Canada fell in the category of countries with a special economic or trade structure such that equal linear tariff reductions may not provide an adequate balance of advantages.

2. The Committee further agreed that Australia, New Zealand and South Africa were countries which had a very large dependence on exports of agricultural and other primary products and therefore, by virtue of the understanding reached at the ministerial meeting in May 1963, also fell in the category of countries referred to in 1 above.

3. The Committee reaffirmed that the objective in the case of all these countries should be the negotiation of a balance of advantages based on trade concessions by them of equivalent value.

4. In pursuance of this objective, the following rules and procedures were agreed.

(a) Canada

(1) Canada shall table its list of offers of trade concessions on the same date as countries making their offers on the basis of a linear tariff cut will be tabling their lists of exceptions;

(2) The initial offer of Canada will be designed to balance the trade benefits which it may expect to receive in the negotiations in the light of the negotiating rules accepted by the other participating countries;

(3) This initial offer shall be subject to confrontation and justification, in parallel with and similar to the process of confrontation and justification of exceptions lists, in the light of criterion set out in (2) above.
(b) Australia, New Zealand and South Africa

(1) These countries shall table their lists of offers of trade concessions on the same date as countries participating in the negotiations on the basis of a linear tariff cut will be tabling their lists of exceptions; provided that not less than three months before that date, rules to govern, and the methods to be employed in, the creation of acceptable conditions of access to world markets for agricultural products have been elaborated in a form sufficiently precise as to enable assessments to be made of the trade benefits which these countries might reasonably expect to obtain from the negotiations; otherwise the date upon which these countries would table their offers shall be determined by the Trade Negotiations Committee, in consultation with these countries, when such negotiating rules have been so elaborated;

(2) The initial offers of these countries will be designed to balance the trade benefits which they may expect to receive in the negotiations in the light of the negotiating rules for agricultural products accepted by the other participating countries;

(3) The Trade Negotiations Committee shall make arrangements for these initial offers to be subject to confrontation and justification in the light of the criterion in (2) above.