Points for Discussion Submitted by the Delegation of Brazil

Set out below are a number of points suggested by the Delegation of Brazil for consideration by the Expert Group with a view to reaching decisions on these points.

1. Recognition of the need for a trade information service in the GATT as the nucleus for a Trade Information Centre.

2. Type of services to be provided by the "Centre":
   a) publications
   b) correspondance facility
   c) market research
   d) trade promotion

3. Establishment of Priorities for different types of services:
   a) subjects to be covered (for items of particular interest to less-developed countries see COM.III/126 para.12)
   b) trade information of interest to all contracting parties (Q.R.'s agricultural policies, operation of State Trading Organizations etc.)

4. Assessment of "obsolescence" rates for different types of data as a basis for deciding the best means for disseminating the information.
5. Assignment of the various subjects for coverage by the different information media on some basis which takes into account the order of priority and the estimated rate of obsolescence.

6. Form and type of the publications of the Centre (loose-leaf editions, offset printing).

7. Methods for keeping the publications up-to-date.

8. Form and nature of the revived "International Trade News Bulletin".

9. Budget requirements for issuing the proposed publications (to be determined after the need for the various types of publications has been ascertained).

10. Possibilities for using established data processing services (for example UNESCO).

11. Definition of market research activities to be taken up by the Centre

   (a) activities of special interest to the less-developed countries;

   (b) activities of interest to all contracting parties.

12. Possibilities for collaboration with the United Nations in the collection and processing of statistics from a trade and market research point of view.

13. Definition of trade promotion (and trade promotion advisory services).

14. Cost of establishing and operating the Centre.

15. Plan for financing the establishment and operation of the Centre during its first two years of operations.

16. Procedures for review of the operations of the Centre.