The Group on Meat, noting the views of most members that the collection of information would be useful in the evaluation of offers when made, unanimously invites members of the Group and other countries significant in world production of and/or trade in meat to assemble and examine the following information. This information should relate to fat cattle, beef and veal. Where information relates to past performance it should cover, if possible, a period of five years. This information should be rendered in United States cents and kilogrammes or United States dollars and metric tons.

I. Existing beef policies:
   (i) Support prices: guaranteed prices, guide prices, intervention prices (indicating differences according to type of meat or cattle).
   (ii) Market prices for cattle; yearly average.
   (iii) Prices fixed for support purchases by the State.
   (iv) Total producer's return per kilogramme live weight, including assistance and subsidies directly related to this return.
   (v) Inventory and costs of the main aids and subsidies of every type which may directly influence production and returns to producers.
   (vi) Total value of production.
   (vii) Analysis of measures at the frontier: customs duties; specific and ad valorem charges on imports; variable lines; quotas and quantitative import restrictions; other restrictions to imports or to the sale of imported goods; fees paid on account of administrative import formalities.
II. Incidence on meat production of policies on cereals and dairy products.

(i) Estimated volumes of cereals used for intensive fattening of cattle with a breakdown showing type of cereal and origin.

(ii) Prices of fattening cereals paid by the cattle producer.

(iii) Evolution of ratio between cereal prices and fat cattle prices.

(iv) Total producers' returns for milk, including all types of assistance and direct and indirect subsidies.

(v) Evolution of ratio between meat prices of fat cattle, liveweight basis, and milk prices.

(vi) Estimated quantity and value of beef and veal production from dairy herds.

(vii) Comparative evolution of dairy cattle herd and fat beef herd in relation to total cattle herd.

III. Internal prices

Information on the levels of internal prices for beef and veal per kilogramme of carcass, in the most representative markets or cities:

(i) wholesale prices,

(ii) retail prices or consumer prices,

(iii) comparative analysis of marketing costs,

(iv) charges on wholesale and retail sales of meat, at the national, provincial and municipal level, as recorded at the most representative commercial centres.

IV. International prices

(i) Information on the levels of international prices prevailing during the last five seasons in the various markets for the defined qualities and modes of presentation of meats: f.o.b., c.i.f., free-at-frontier prices etc.
(ii) data on the conditions of price formation in international markets; comments on the economic or legal conditions of the operation of prices applicable to international trade;

(iii) concrete data on export subsidies and export aids; global values and quantities, and values per unit;

(iv) information on stocking capacities in the various countries.

V. Bilateral agreements affecting imports.

VI. Trends in production, imports, exports and consumption of beef over the five-year period 1961-65 and estimates until 1970, on a standardized statistical basis.

VII. Trends in total per caput consumption of all types of meat for the same periods mentioned above, in relation to available income, retail price and percentage of consumer expenditure devoted to meat.

VIII. Sanitary or veterinary regulations affecting the level of beef imports.

IX. Import policies for live cattle.