Committee on Trade in Industrial Products

United States Proposal for Grouping of Non-Tariff Trade Barriers

For the present the Working Party could examine the following groups of barriers:

1. Government participation in Trade (The Committee might wish to add later to this group the question of government procurement) including:
   - state trading
   - government monopoly practices
   - maximum and minimum price controls

2. Customs and Administrative Entry Formalities including:
   - valuation
   - harmonization of nomenclature
   - consular formalities
   - certificates of origin
   - arbitrary classification
   - samples requirements
   - repayment of duties on returned goods
   - documentation

3. Standards involving imports and domestic goods including:
   - industrial standards
   - health and safety standards
   - weights and measures
   - pharmaceutical standards
   - product content requirements
   - labelling and container regulations
   - processing standards
   - marking requirements
   - packaging requirements
4. Absolute Limitations on Imports including:
   - quantitative restrictions
   - embargoes
   - import licensing
   - exchange controls

5. Restraints on Imports by the Price Mechanism including:
   - prior import deposits
   - surcharges, port taxes, statistical taxes, etc.
   - government aid to import competing goods
   - discriminatory excise taxes, government
     controlled insurance rates, film taxes, use taxes
   - discriminatory credit restrictions
   - consular fees
   - stamp taxes
   - variable levies

6. Other non-price restraints on imports including:
   - discriminatory bilateral agreements
   - discriminatory sourcing
   - advertising and transportation restraints
   - screen time requirements
   - local content and mixing requirements
   - export restraints