1. Working Group 2 was established by the Committee on Trade in Industrial Products in December 1969, to examine the following subjects in the Illustrative List (Annex I to document L/3298): desirability of harmonization of valuation systems, special valuation procedures, anti-dumping practices of certain countries not accepting the Anti-Dumping Code, desirability of wider acceptance of NTB classification, and certain problems of documentation, notably in consular fees and formalities. At the request of the Nordic countries the Group decided to examine samples requirements although this subject was not contained in the Illustrative List. The Group met from 17 to 26 March under the Chairmanship of Mr. F.A. van Alphen (Netherlands).

2. In accordance with the desire of the CONTRACTING PARTIES, as expressed in their conclusions, that as the work of the Groups proceeds, particular attention should be paid to the problems of developing countries including especially the problems of those countries dependent on a limited range of primary products, the Group examined the possibility of treating separately on a priority basis any of the problems encountered in this sector. One or more developing countries had joined in six of the notifications on the priority list and four other notifications by developing countries concern measures related to the problems identified in the Illustrative List. As will be seen below, this examination showed that there was very little scope for separate action on developing countries' problems since both developing and developed countries are faced with a single set of problems caused by lack of uniformity in customs and entry procedures of different countries.
3. The Group not only had in mind the general terms of reference in regard to the exploratory nature of its work, but wished to emphasize that in many cases the views recorded are only tentative at this stage, and that all delegations would have full latitude to supplement and clarify them when the report was brought for discussion by the Committee on Trade in Industrial Products.