It is suggested that a Working Party be established to examine the adequacy of existing GATT systems of safeguards. The Working Party could explore, without commitment, an integrated approach to adjustment to the effective dismantlement of tariff and non-tariff barriers to industrial trade. This approach might comprise three essential elements:

1. Rules designed to ensure that the burden of adjustment be borne to the extent possible by the importing country, through concerted and improved programmes of domestic adjustment assistance rather than the restriction of imports.

2. Emergency action, including the use of import restrictions, to deal with transitional problems of sensitive industries should be governed by rigorous internationally agreed criteria, including the presence of injury or threat of injury, subject to multilateral surveillance.

3. Improved institutional arrangements should be established to ensure against the abuse of safeguard rules and the nullification or impairment of concessions negotiated and to provide for compensation.

The objective of such a system of safeguards should be to enhance the willingness of the industrialized countries to undertake the meaningful exchange of trade concessions and to provide more effective assurances against their impairment.