WORKING PARTY ON STRUCTURAL ADJUSTMENT

Exchange of Information on the Experience of all Contracting Parties with regard to Structural Adjustment

The following note is circulated at the request of the delegation of Brazil:

INFORMATION SHOULD COVER THE FOLLOWING:

(Trade Policies)

1. What have been the major changes in the trade policies of your country taking place in recent years and what has been the rôle of GATT? In this context:

   (a) How has your country proceeded to liberalize trade and lower trade barriers through different GATT mechanisms and provisions, including the Kennedy Round and Tokyo Round?

   (b) To what extent has your country made use of the different safeguard measures contemplated in GATT and for what period of time?

   (c) How has your country been promoting imports from developing countries and how has it been implementing Part IV of GATT?

(Structural Adjustment Policies)

2. (a) What major changes have taken place in recent years in the structure of the economy of your country and what rôle would you assign, in this context, to international trade, to trade policies and, specially, to GATT law as presented in 1. above?

   (b) What policies towards structural adjustment has your government adopted to help the economy to deal with developments in international trade? What have been their objectives, nature (including those of a global, regional or sectoral character), and scope particularly in quantitative terms - amounts of funds, number of workers affected, number of plants, etc? For how long have different specific measures and policies been in force?
What considerations have led your government to make use of different safeguard mechanisms in GATT and what considerations have led your government to intervene in the autonomous adjustment process that takes place in liberal trade?

(c) How far has your government given special consideration to developing countries when implementing structural adjustment policies and, in particular, what consideration has been given to Article XXXVII:3(b) of Part IV of the General Agreement?

(Third Markets)

3. To what extent has the growth of your exports to particular markets been affected by structural adjustment taking, or not taking place in those markets? What leads you to believe that the rate of growth of your exports to particular markets is due to the lack of structural adjustment in those markets and why according to your assessment, is structural adjustment not occurring in those markets?