MINISTERIAL MEETING

Communication from the Ivory Coast

The following communication dated 26 November 1982 has been received from the delegation of the Ivory Coast, with the request that it be included in the documentation for the Ministerial meeting and circulated to contracting parties.

PROPOSALS BY THE DELEGATION OF THE IVORY COAST

Trade in Tropical Agricultural Products

I. Political commitment and practical decisions

The CONTRACTING PARTIES undertake to adopt measures for the introduction and stabilization of remunerative, fair and equitable prices for agricultural commodities from the developing countries, taking into account both real production costs and the remuneration of the peasant for his labour.

To this end, the CONTRACTING PARTIES further undertake to engage, as a matter of urgency, in consultations between the producers and the final consumers of these commodities, at intervals to be determined in conjunction with the competent international bodies.

II. Work programme for the 1980s

The CONTRACTING PARTIES recommend that the Committee on Trade and Development:

(1) make studies on the production costs of agricultural commodities in the principal developing countries which produce agricultural raw materials;

(2) make studies on the national internal taxation of commodities in industrial consumer countries, with a view to determining their impact on prices and on the development of consumption in industrial countries.