CONTRACTING PARTIES
Fortieth Session

SERVICES

The Chairman of the Council is circulating the following draft agreed conclusions for consideration and adoption by the CONTRACTING PARTIES at their fortieth Session.

Agreed conclusions by the CONTRACTING PARTIES

The CONTRACTING PARTIES,
Noting:

that a number of contracting parties with an interest in services have undertaken and circulated national examinations of the issues in this sector, and that other such examinations are recommended;
and that the process of carrying out the Ministerial decision highlights the complexity of the issues involved,

In pursuance of the 1982 Ministerial decision on services,

Agree to the following arrangements within GATT:

1. That the Chairman of the CONTRACTING PARTIES will organize the exchange of information provided for in the Ministerial decision on issues in the services sector, essentially on the basis of national examinations, which could refer to any considerations in the area of services which appear relevant to the contracting party concerned, and the compilation and distribution of such information based on as uniform a format as possible;

2. The GATT secretariat will provide the support necessary for this process;

3. The Chairman of the CONTRACTING PARTIES will keep the Council informed of the progress made and report to the CONTRACTING PARTIES.

4. The CONTRACTING PARTIES decide to review the results of these examinations, along with the information and comments provided by relevant international organizations, at their next regular Session and to consider whether any multilateral action in these matters is appropriate and desirable.