Committee on Anti-Dumping Practices

WORKSHOPS ON ANTI-DUMPING

Report by the Chairman

1. At the regular meeting of the Committee in April 1993, Members of the Committee had "decided to support the programme of workshops for developing countries and former state trading countries on anti-dumping measures and requested members of the Committee to participate in the financing of this programme" (ADP/M/40, paragraph 297). At the regular meeting of the Committee in April 1994, the Committee had reaffirmed its decision of April 1993 to support this programme of workshops. At that meeting, I had also provided detailed information on the workshops, participants to these workshops and those who had provided support in terms of finance and in kind. I now wish to provide the Committee with an update regarding the workshops. As I mentioned in my statement at the meeting of the Committee in April 1994, there are three types of workshops: an introductory users' workshop, an advanced users' workshop, and an exporters' workshop.

2. An introductory users' workshop was held in Caracas (Venezuela) on 5-14 October 1994, in conjunction with the Government of Venezuela and was attended by 18 officials drawn from Argentina, Chile, Colombia, El Salvador, Guatemala, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela. Lectures were provided by a representative of the GATT Rules Division and by officials from anti-dumping administrations in the European Community, Mexico and the United States.

3. An advanced users' workshop was held in Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia) on 4-12 July 1994, in conjunction with the Government of Malaysia. The workshop was attended by 17 officials drawn from Chinese Taipei, Egypt, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand. Lectures were provided by a representative of the GATT Rules Division, and by officials from anti-dumping administrations in Australia and New Zealand.

4. An exporters' workshop was held in Prague from 16-20 May 1994, in conjunction with the Czech Government. The workshop was attended by 18 officials drawn from Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania, the Russian Federation, the Slovak Republic and Ukraine. The lecturers were a representative of the GATT Rules Division, specialized lawyers from the European Community and the United States, and a representative of the United States Department of Commerce. The workshop was financed by the Government of Switzerland. Another exporters' workshop is planned for 27 November to 3 December 1994 in Bangkok (Thailand). This workshop is partially financed by the Fair Trade Center (Tokyo). The workshop will be attended by officials from Brunei Darussalam, Chinese Taipei, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Macao, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand. Lectures will be provided by a representative of the GATT Rules Division, specialized lawyers from the European Community and the United States.