1. Under Article VII:2(a) of the Arrangement and in accordance with Rule 22 of the Rules of Procedure, the Committee has prepared the present report on its sixteenth session.

2. The Committee held its sixteenth session on 16 December 1983.

3. The Committee adopted the agenda proposed in airgram GATT/AIR/1969. It also adopted the report on its fifteenth session.

4. The Committee reviewed the replies to the questionnaire and requested members which had not yet communicated information for the third quarter of 1983 to do so without delay. The Committee took note of the summary tables prepared by the secretariat.

5. An exchange of information and views took place in the Committee concerning the market situation for products covered by the Protocol. Among the salient points characterizing the current market situation, the Committee noted that notwithstanding the high level of stocks, prices of skimmed milk powder had remained relatively stable in the fourth quarter of 1983. Lower prices had nevertheless been mentioned. Prices of whole milk powder had tended to weaken. The Committee underlined the importance of observance of all the provisions of the Arrangement and noted in that connection that it needed to have all relevant information to allow a more accurate evaluation of the situation.

6. The next sessions of the Committees will be held consecutively from 26 to 28 March 1984, subject to confirmation by the secretariat.