1. In pursuance of Article VII:2(a) of the Arrangement and Rule 22 of the Rules of Procedure, the Committee has prepared the present report on its twenty-fourth session.

2. The Committee held its twenty-fourth session on 17 December 1985.

3. The Committee adopted the agenda proposed in airgram GATT/AIR/2229 and adopted the report on its twenty-third session (DPC/P/38).

4. The Committee reviewed the replies to the questionnaire and requested members which had not yet communicated information for the third quarter of 1985 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 regarding the market situation for products covered by the Protocol. Among the salient points characterizing the market situation, the Committee noted that during the fourth quarter, prices of skimmed milk powder had fluctuated between US$750 and 800 per ton f.o.b. and that prices of whole milk powder had been between US$950 and 1,000 per ton f.o.b. The Committee also noted that prices of skimmed milk powder could become somewhat firmer in the coming months.

6. The next sessions of the Committees will be held consecutively on 17 and 18 March 1986, subject to confirmation by the secretariat.