DRAFT REPORT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON
IMPORT LICENSING TO THE CONTRACTING PARTIES

1. The Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures entered into force
on 1 January 1980. On 24 October 1980, there were 19 signatories to
the Agreement: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Canada, Chile, the
European Economic Community, Finland, Hungary, India, Japan, New
Zealand, Norway, Romania, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, the
United Kingdom on behalf of Hong Kong, the United States and
Yugoslavia. Some of these are in the process of ratifying the
Agreement.

2. Thirty-one contracting parties and two non-contracting parties
have observer status. Two international organizations (the IMF and
UNCTAD) have attended meetings of the Committee in an observer
capacity.

3. The Committee has held two meetings:
   24 January 1980 (LIC/M/1)
   29 April 1980 (LIC/M/2)

4. Procedural questions have been settled in the same way as in
other Committees. Those include:
   (a) Procedures for the participation of observers (L/4984 and
   LIC/M/2, para.3)
   (b) Circulation of documents, (LIC/M/2, para. 21 and 22)
   (c) Procedures for derestricion of documents (LIC/M/2, para 23)

5. The Committee discussed procedures for the accession to the
Agreement of non-contracting parties and agreed to revert to this
question at its next meeting (LIC/M/2, para. 15-20).
6. The Committee has received notifications giving names of designated persons available to serve on panels dealing with licensing matters. This was without prejudice to any decision that may be made on the appropriate mechanism for dispute settlement.

7. The Committee agreed to suggestions made by the GATT secretariat on information to be supplied and procedures for notification under the Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures. Relevant information available to the secretariat by 24 October 1980 will be issued in LIC/W/6 and addenda.

8. The next meeting of the Committee is expected to be held in December 1980. The Committee has agreed that, at this meeting, it would, inter alia, take stock of the situation regarding notifications, the manner in which the required biannual reviews of the Agreement should be organized and the date of the first review (LIC/M/2, para.28).