1. The Sub-Group met on 15 November 1977. It invited the Secretary General of UNCTAD or his representative to attend this meeting of the Sub-Group as an observer. It also invited a representative of the Customs Cooperation Council to attend this meeting of the Sub-Group as an observer to assist the Sub-Group in an expert capacity. It also invited the Chairman of the ECE Group of Experts on Data Requirements and Documentation to introduce to the Sub-Group an ECE progress report on harmonization and standardization of documents linked to import procedures.

2. The Sub-Group noted the communications received from Chairmen of other Groups or Sub-Groups (MTN/NTM/W/124). At the end of the discussion the Chairman on his own responsibility, gave the following summing-up.

A. Customs valuation

3. The Sub-Group continued its discussion on issues related to rules and principles on customs valuation. In this connexion the delegation of the European Communities had submitted a draft valuation code which had been circulated in MTN/NTM/W/122. The representative of the European Communities introduced the draft and gave detailed explanations on it. A number of delegations welcomed with satisfaction the draft as a positive contribution to the work of the Sub-Group and agreed to examine it in detail as a possible basis for future negotiations on customs valuation. The Sub-Group agreed to revert to this matter at its next meeting.

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1 The EC statement will be circulated in MTN/NTM/W/126.
B. Import documentation, consular formalities and fees, and customs procedures

4. The Sub-Group heard a statement by Mr. Duquesne, the Chairman of the ECE Group of Experts on Data Requirements and Documentation, who introduced the ECE progress report on Harmonization and Standardization of Documents Linked to Import Procedures (MTN/NTM/W/116). The Sub-Group also heard a statement by Mr. Clawson, Assistant Secretary General of the Customs Cooperation Council, on the CCC work in the field of import documentation. Several delegations welcomed the work done in both organizations and expressed their hope that it would facilitate the progress of the MTN in this field.

5. One delegation referred to the procedures adopted at the February 1977 meeting of the Sub-Group (MTN/NTM/27, paragraph 6 and Annex) and commented on the requests for consultations which it had made under these procedures. Another delegation commented on the consultation which it had held.

6. The Chairman informed the Sub-Group that a number of requests had been submitted under the procedures adopted in July 1977 by Group "Non-Tariff Measures" providing for requests and offers on any non-tariff measures. Some of these requests were related to all aspects of the Sub-Group's work and would be dealt with according to existing procedures.

Date of the next meeting

7. The Sub-Group agreed that the date for the next meeting would be determined by the Chairman in consultation with delegations.