1. The Sub-Group met on 18 September 1978. It invited the Secretary-General of UNCTAD or his representative to attend the meeting as an observer.

2. The Sub-Group noted the communications received from Chairmen of other Groups or Sub-Groups (MTN/NTM/W/185).

3. The Sub-Group continued the discussion on an arrangement on subsidies and countervailing duties on the basis of documents MTN/NTM/W/168, MTN/INF/18 and MTN/NTM/W/164 and Corr.1. Some delegations made observations relating to proposals contained in the documents and raised specific points which they felt had to be taken into account in the further elaboration of an arrangement.

4. The Sub-Group agreed that consultations between interested delegations should continue and that the Sub-Group should be kept informed of the results. Delegations of developing countries underlined that they must be offered opportunities to participate fully in these consultations.

5. The Sub-Group agreed that the date of its next meeting should be fixed by the Chairman in consultation with delegations.