Multilateral Trade Negotiations
Group "Non-Tariff Measures"
Sub-Group "Quantitative Restrictions"

QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

1. At its meeting of October/November 1975, the Sub-Group "Quantitative Restrictions" agreed that delegations should endeavour to send to the secretariat summary notes with respect to the consultations in which they had participated as exporting or importing countries. The Sub-Group also agreed that the secretariat would assemble and distribute these summaries for the further work of the Sub-Group (MTN/NTM/9, paragraph 9).

2. At the March 1977 meeting of the Sub-Group it was agreed that the consultation process should be continued at the present time and that delegations should endeavour to send to the secretariat summary notes with respect to the consultations in which they had participated (MTN/NTM/30, paragraph 9).

3. The following communication has been received from the delegation of Czechoslovakia (Annex) concerning consultations with the European Economic Community and the member States.

4. Delegations which have not yet submitted summary notes are invited to do so without delay.
ANNEX

By a notification dated 12 October 1976 addressed to the Director-General of the GATT, Czechoslovakia expressed the wish to enter into consultation with the Federal Republic of Germany, United Kingdom, Italy, France, Benelux countries and Denmark on quotas maintained by these countries on imports from Czechoslovakia.

These consultations between Czechoslovakia and the delegation of the European Community took place on 11 May 1977 and cleared up many points. The consultations covered, in the majority of cases, quantitative restrictions applied to imports from Czechoslovakia which are not consistent with the provisions of Article XIII of the General Agreement.

The EEC delegation confirmed the existence of these quantitative restrictions and indicated the economic and social reasons underlying them. This delegation simultaneously explained the reasons preventing it from including in the consultations quantitative restrictions applied to imports from Czechoslovakia of textiles and agricultural products.