1. At its meeting in April 1975 the Sub-Group "Quantitative Restrictions" agreed, inter alia, that as an initial step towards the working out of solutions, a process of information, examination and dialogue should be undertaken with respect to existing quantitative restrictions. The process would take place through detailed bilateral or plurilateral consultations or discussions between countries maintaining restrictions and countries indicating a direct trade interest in these restrictions through the secretariat. The results of these consultations or discussions would be reported to the Sub-Group by the countries involved for analysis of the existing situation by the Sub-Group. The Sub-Group might consider the possibility of formulating additional procedures for bilateral and/or plurilateral negotiations such as specific requests and offers in those areas where this would be appropriate. It might also consider the possibility of working out a general formula or formulae of automatic application (MTN/NTM/2, paragraph 6).

2. At its meeting of October/November 1975 the Sub-Group agreed, inter alia, that to facilitate its work in carrying out the task outlined above, 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 secretariat would assemble and distribute these summaries for the further work of the Sub-Group (MTN/NTM/9, paragraph 9).

3. At its meeting in July 1976 the Sub-Group agreed that the consultation process should be continued and that delegations which had not yet submitted summary notes should endeavour to do so prior to the next meeting of the Sub-Group with a view to facilitating an analysis of the existing situation (MTN/NTM/20, paragraph 4).

4. The purpose of this note is to give an indication of the status of consultations on quantitative restrictions as of 15 October 1976. It is to be expected that in the course of the meeting of the Sub-Group scheduled to reconvene on 2 November 1976...
(GATT/AIR/1318) delegations may have additional comments and observations to offer on the consultations which have taken place under the procedures adopted by the Sub-Group.

5. As of 15 October 1976, twenty-six participants\(^1\) had transmitted to the secretariat their requests for consultations with sixty-six countries, the European Economic Community and the Benelux countries. In addition, one participant had communicated directly with the countries with which it wished to consult. Both developed and developing countries are among the countries requesting consultations and with which consultations have been requested.

6. Summary notes received thus far by the secretariat have been circulated in M/T/W/197 and Addenda, as follows:

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\(^1\)The European Communities and the Nordic countries count as one participant each.
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(g) Pakistan
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(h) Argentina
   (MTN/NTM/W/40/Add.7)

(i) United States
   (MTN/NTM/W/40/Add.8)

(j) European Economic Community
   (MTN/NTM/W/40/Add.9)

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Australia
Colombia
India
Japan
New Zealand
Poland
Romania
Spain
Switzerland
Thailand
Turkey
United States
Uruguay
Yugoslavia

EEC
New Zealand
United States

Australia
Canada
Colombia
New Zealand
South Africa

Argentina
Colombia
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India
Japan
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