1. At its October 1976 meeting the Sub-Group "Customs Matters" requested the secretariat to circulate lists of issues which participants consider important for the discussion on rules on customs valuation which might be agreed upon in the Multilateral Trade Negotiations (MTN/W/23, paragraph 6).

2. A communication from the Republic of Mali has been received and is reproduced hereunder.

In the opinion of the Government of the Republic of Mali, the following issue is of highest importance for the study of the rules on customs valuation to be agreed upon in the Multilateral Trade Negotiations:

Situation as a land-locked country and the problem of determining a product's c.i.f. value frontier and f.o.b. value point of exit.

Indeed, given the geographical position and the vast extent of Mali's territory, it would be desirable for the Sub-Group to go into the problems subsequent to the valuation of imported goods, i.e. following a régime of duty suspension (transit-RA warehousing) or after customs clearance in a country of first entry.