1. Under Article 2:16 of the Agreement the signatories shall submit, on a semi-annual basis, reports of any countervailing duty actions taken within the preceding six months.

2. The signatories are therefore invited to submit their semi-annual reports covering the period 1 July-31 December 1994 on the agreed standard form (SCM/79) not later than 24 February 1995. Signatories which have not taken any action within the reporting period are also invited to inform the Committee accordingly.

3. Signatories are also requested to take into account the decision taken by the Committee at its meeting held in October 1986 concerning the notifications of review of countervailing measures (SCM/M/32, paragraph 125).

4. Pursuant to the decision of the Committee of 27 October 1993 (SCM/M/67, paragraphs 3-16), observers are encouraged to submit semi-annual reports covering the same period.

5. Reports received in reply to the above request will be issued in addenda to this document.

6. The Preparatory Committee for the World Trade Organization approved (PC/R, paragraph 45) the agreement reached by the Informal Contact Group on Anti-Dumping, Subsidies and Safeguards that the first semi-annual report submitted by each WTO Member will cover the period July-December or January-June, whichever is more recent, prior to the date of entry into force of the WTO Agreement for that Member (PC/IPL/11, dated 2 December 1994). Signatories will further recall that the Preparatory Committee has proposed that the Committee decide that, if a measure is subject to a notification obligation both under the WTO Agreement and the Agreement, the notification of such a measure to the WTO shall, unless otherwise indicated in the notification, be deemed to be also a notification of that measure under the Agreement (PC/11, dated 13 December 1994). It is anticipated that the Committee will follow the proposal of the Preparatory Committee. In that case, a semi-annual report to the WTO for the period 1 July-31 December 1994 by a Member of the WTO (as requested in G/SCM/N/4) would be deemed to be a semi-annual report responding to this request as well.