NOTIFICATIONS UNDER ARTICLE XVI:1
LIST OF POINTS RAISED AT THE MEETING OF 21 APRIL 1983

Note by the Secretariat

As instructed by the Committee (SCM/M/16, paragraph 52) the secretariat has prepared a list of points raised at the meeting of 21 April 1983.

1. Improved transparency and greater uniformity of notifications:
   - general or specific content of notifications?
   - is it possible to establish criteria which would give clear guidance on the type of measures that have to be notified?
   - in case of doubt should the measure always be notified?
   - should the decision whether to notify or not be left to the judgement of the notifying country?
   - is it desirable to notify all measures which could possibly constitute a subsidy in terms of Article XVI:1?
   - do subsidies with social objectives - especially some of those referred to in Article 11 of the Agreement - have any meaningful trade effects and should they therefore be notified?
   - should subsidies granted at provincial level be notified?

2. Differences in the basis for notification in the case of countries with a strong private sector and those with a strong state-owned sector.

3. Procedures under Article 7 of the Agreement:
   - to what extent could the procedures under Article 7 be used to effectively fill any gap which may result from incomplete notifications under Article XVI:1?
   - are these procedures multilateral or, at least at the first stage, only bilateral in nature?
4. Is the principle generally recognized that notifications do not have any effect of self-incrimination?

5. Timing and frequency of notifications:
   - should the period between full notifications (at present submitted every third year) be extended?
   - should the period for updating full notifications also be extended?

6. Improving the questionnaire on subsidies:
   - should the questionnaire be revised at this stage?
   - should the questionnaire be revised in such a way as to simplify the task of national administrations in preparing notifications but, at the same time, to reduce the margin for subjectivity?
   - is it possible to quantify the trade effects of a subsidy?
   - should the unit amount of a subsidy be indicated?
   - should it always be explained why a specific question has not been answered?