MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
10 MAY 1984

Chairman: Mr. M. Ikeda (Japan)

1. The Chairman recalled that the Committee had three items on its agenda:


C. Conciliation under Article 17:1 of the Agreement pursuant to the United States complaint concerning the granting of subsidies by Brazil and the EEC on the exports and production of poultry (SCM/Spec/19).

He proposed that the Committee consider items A and B at the same time. It was so agreed.

A-B. Reports of the Panels on the EEC subsidies on export of wheat flour (SCM/42) and on export of pasta products (SCM/43)

2. The Chairman made the following statement:

"At the last meeting, when we discussed how to proceed with respect to the two panel reports on wheat flour and on pasta, the members of the Committee agreed to further reflect on this matter and to revert to it at our future meeting. Since the last meeting I have continued informal consultations with a view to proposing an appropriate solution. Although at this stage I still do not have all the necessary elements to propose such a solution, I think that these informal consultations have been very useful as they helped to further sharpen perceptions of certain concepts and to better appreciate the range of problems involved.

"I strongly believe that the continuation of informal consultations will be beneficial to the integrity of the Code and may enable the Chairman to make, at an appropriate stage, concrete suggestions to the Committee with a view to working out a satisfactory solution. I wish therefore to propose to the Committee to postpone the consideration of these two agenda items until its next meeting and to authorize the Chairman to continue his informal consultations and to report to the Committee at its next meeting."
3. The representative of the United States said that his delegation could go along with the Chairman's proposal. He also wished to express his appreciation for all efforts undertaken by the Chairman in this relation.

4. The Committee agreed to the Chairman's proposal.

C. Conciliation under Article 17:1 of the Agreement pursuant to the US complaint concerning the granting of subsidies by Brazil and the EEC on the export and production of poultry

5. The Chairman made the following statement:

"At its meeting of 18 November 1983 the Committee authorized the Chairman to organize informal consultations with interested Signatories (SCM/M/Spec/9, paragraph 24). There have been two rounds of such informal consultations and it appears to me that they were very constructive and that some progress has been made. It is my feeling that these consultations should continue, at the informal level, and without prejudice to any legal positions delegations may have in the Committee. I would therefore suggest that we postpone consideration of this agenda item until our next meeting".

6. The representative of the EEC said that he fully shared the Chairman's opinion as to the usefulness of these consultations. He wished to thank the Chairman and the secretariat for the organization and conduct of these consultations and agreed that they should continue.

7. The representative of Brazil said that he highly appreciated the Chairman's efforts and shared his opinion about the positive aspects of these consultations. He agreed that the consultations continue and that the Chairman report to the next meeting of the Committee.

8. The Committee agreed to the Chairman's proposal.