1. At its meeting on 19-20 December 1989 the Negotiating Group on Agriculture undertook an initial examination of the comprehensive proposals submitted by the Nordic countries (NG5/W/143), by Austria (NG5/W/144) and by the European Community (NG5/W/145 and 146). It was noted that responses to a number of the questions raised in the course of this examination would be provided at the next meeting of the Group.

2. The Group took note of the notifications pursuant to paragraph 15 of the Mid-Term Review Decision that had been submitted since the last meeting by Poland, South Africa, Switzerland and the United States, and of the compliance reports submitted by Australia, Finland, New Zealand, South Africa and the United States. Participants which have yet to submit their notifications and compliance reports are invited to do so as soon as possible.

3. It was agreed that the Negotiating Group will hold its next meeting from 12 to 16 February 1990 and that the work of the Group at this meeting should be organized so as to facilitate substantive negotiations getting underway, on the basis of the detailed proposals submitted, in each of the areas of the long-term reform programme. It was noted that the Chairman would be consulting informally with participants on the programme for negotiations on 1990.

4. Subject to confirmation the Working Group on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures will hold its next meeting on 19-20 February 1990.

5. A brief summary of the main points raised in the course of the present meeting will be prepared by the secretariat.