1. The Negotiating Group on Agriculture met on 20 and 21 April 1988 to continue its work under the Subsequent Negotiating Process.

2. The Group further examined the proposals submitted as appropriate and examined communications submitted to the Group by Nigeria (NG5/W/57), by Argentina (NG5/W/58) and by Morocco (to be issued as NG5/W/59). The Group also further considered proposals for short-term action, initiated consideration of strengthened and more operationally effective GATT rules and disciplines/long-term framework, and undertook a further exchange of views on the question of sanitary and phytosanitary regulations and barriers on the basis, inter alia, of a working paper submitted to the meeting by the European Communities (NG5/W/56) and a note by the secretariat on the role and status of work of selected organizations in this area (NG5/W/54). The Group considered the question of special and differential treatment and a paper on this subject submitted by the United States (NG5/W/55).

3. The Group took note of the oral report made by the Chairman of the Technical Group on Aggregate Measurement of Support and Related Matters on its first meeting. It would be open to participants to submit, in line with an appropriate format, PSE data and estimates to the Technical Group in order to facilitate its work. This would be on a best endeavours basis and without prejudice to whether, and if so how, an aggregate measurement of support might be used in the negotiations. Technical assistance would be available on request to countries requiring it. The Chairman would request the FAO on behalf of the Group to co-operate in providing such assistance in conjunction with the GATT secretariat.

4. The Group agreed that at its next meeting, which would be held on 9 and 10 June 1988, it would continue its work under the Subsequent Negotiating Process and elaborate further the technical and other elements of proposals on the basis, inter alia, of more specific proposals or discussion papers already submitted or to be submitted.

5. The secretariat would prepare a brief summary of the main points raised in the course of the present meeting.