PROPOSAL BY THE UNITED STATES

The following communication, dated 31 March 1987, has been received from the delegation of the United States with the request that it be circulated to members of the Group.

PROPOSED WORK PROGRAM FOR THE NEGOTIATING GROUP ON TRADE-RELATED INVESTMENT MEASURES

1. The Negotiating Plan for Trade-Related Investment Measures calls for the following work to take place during the initial phase of negotiations, scheduled for completion by the end of 1987 at the latest:

"Identification and examination of the operation of GATT Articles related to the trade restrictive and distorting effects of investment measures on the basis of submissions by participants and with the assistance, as appropriate, of background documentation by the secretariat."

2. In order to build a base for the Negotiating Group's examination, the United States proposes that delegations provide submissions to the Secretariat in advance of the Group's next meeting. These submissions should identify categories or types of trade restrictive and distorting effects (i.e., reduced imports) which they consider to result from investment measures, together with how they believe these effects should be addressed through the operation of relevant GATT Articles.

3. The Secretariat should then compile these submissions into a document for review by the Negotiating Group at its next meeting.

4. In order to facilitate the Secretariat's task, delegations are requested to organize their submissions along the following lines:

(a) Identification of categories/types of trade restricting and distorting effects resulting from investment measures.

(b) Description of the investment measures creating (individually or cumulatively) the type or category of trade effect of concern.
(c) As appropriate, information regarding trade measures which have distorting effects on trade comparable to the effects of the investment measures identified.

(d) Identification and description of GATT principles and disciplines, and the corresponding Articles which are relevant, together with a discussion of how these Articles should operate.

5. The Secretariat should, in addition to the individual submissions, develop relevant background documentation regarding the trade restrictive and distortive effects of investment measures and the operation of the GATT Articles and corresponding principles with respect to these measures, including inter alia, Council decisions, panel reports and other appropriate documentation.