NOTE ON THE MEETING OF 15 NOVEMBER 1988

1. The Chairman welcomed delegations to this eighteenth meeting of the GNS and drew the attention of Group members to GATT/AIR/2720 circulated on 4 November 1988 which contained the meeting's agenda. He said that the purpose of the meeting was to reach a decision on the report which he as Chairman of the GNS would have to make to the TNC at Ministerial level in Montreal. He noted that a draft text of such a report had been distributed informally at the beginning of the meeting and said that informal consultations which had taken place over the last few days had revealed that a certain number of problems remained insofar as the report's content was concerned. This, he added, had led him to the conclusion that further informal consultations were necessary before he could be in a position to formally present a draft report to the Group.

2. The Chairman suggested that participants consider for the time being the informal report before them as a means of staying up to date on the negotiating process and agree to his continuing with informal consultations with a view to putting before the GNS the text of a report as soon as possible. Pending the Group's approval, the Chairman suggested that the meeting be adjourned. He told Group members that he would inform them as early as possible of the time of the next meeting.

3. The Group endorsed the Chairman's proposal. The meeting was adjourned.