GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

Preparatory Committee

QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS AND OTHER NON-TARIFF MEASURES

In a letter to the Director-General dated 13 June 1986 the delegation of Hong Kong has requested that the following text be circulated to the Preparatory Committee.

Hong Kong is putting forward the following proposal for a text in the Ministerial Declaration concerning quantitative restrictions and other non-tariff measures.

"In accordance with GATT commitments and the provisions on rollback set out in this Declaration, [Ministers] agree to achieve the early elimination of all existing measures inconsistent with, or not based on specific provisions of, the General Agreement. Negotiations should also be held with the aim of liberalising and, where possible, eliminating the remaining quantitative restrictions and other non-tariff measures. In this connection, special attention should be given to the need for action on those measures affecting products of particular export interest to developing countries."