Committee on Anti-Dumping Practices

CONTRIBUTION TO THE MINISTERIAL MEETING

Note by the Chairman

1. The Committee on Anti-Dumping Practices discussed the question of a possible contribution to the Ministerial Meeting at its meetings of 27 April and 14 June 1982.

2. The Committee considered that, in general, the Agreement on Implementation of Article VI of the General Agreement continued to be perceived by Parties to be balanced between rights and obligations and provided a satisfactory framework for the implementation of Article VI. In this connexion, the Committee noted that no Party had expressed the wish to renegotiate or amend the provisions of the Agreement.

3. The Committee noted that some specific problems had arisen in relation to the application of the Agreement and agreed that these problems should continue to be discussed in the Committee with a view to resolving them in accordance with the letter and spirit of the Agreement.

4. The Committee reaffirmed the need for continuing efforts to ensure that the practices of all Parties in the anti-dumping field are in conformity with the provisions of the Agreement.

5. The Committee reiterated the principles underlying the Agreement as set forth in its Preamble and in particular that anti-dumping practices should not constitute an unjustifiable impediment to international trade and that anti-dumping duties may be applied against dumping only if such dumping causes or threatens material injury to an established industry or materially retards the establishment of an industry.

6. The Committee invited other contracting parties which had not, as yet, adhered to the Agreement to do so as soon as possible.