GENERAL AGREEMENT ON
TARIFFS AND TRADE

Agreement on Trade in Civil Aircraft

IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE 3
OF THE AGREEMENT ON
TRADE IN CIVIL AIRCRAFT

Proposal Submitted by the Delegation of Canada

Objective:
To exchange information on steps being taken by signatories
to implement Article 3 of the Agreement on Trade in Civil
Aircraft.

Introduction:
Article 3.1 of the Agreement states that "Signatories note
that the provisions of the Agreement on Technical Barriers
to Trade apply to trade in civil aircraft. In addition,
signatories agree that civil aircraft certification require­ments and specifications on operating and maintenance
procedures shall be governed, as between signatories, by
the provisions of the Agreement on Technical Barriers to
Trade."

This provision of the Agreement recognizes that civil aircraft
certification requirements and specifications on operating
and maintenance procedures can have trade restricting or
distorting effects.

Issues:
The Agreement on Trade in Civil Aircraft envisages that in
the case of civil aircraft the provisions of the Technical
Barriers Agreement apply not only to product standards and
certification systems, but also to aircraft certification
requirements and specifications on operating and maintenance
procedures. As this provision raises implementation issues
unique to civil aircraft, the Canadian delegation believes
that the Committee should give further consideration to the
effective implementation of Article 3.1. Issues which need
to be addressed include:

A) Identification of specific certification requirements
   and specifications on operating and maintenance procedures
   covered by the Aircraft Agreement.

B) The implementation of the provisions of the Agreement on
   Technical Barriers to Trade (including as examples
   Articles 2, 7 and 10) as they apply to certification
   requirements and specifications on operating and main­
   tenance procedures covered by Article 3.1 of the Aircraft
   Agreement.

C) The role of other international bodies such as the
   International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO).
Proposal:

As a first step, the Technical Sub-Committee might be asked, with technical advice from airworthiness certification authorities, to identify specific certification requirements and specifications on operating and maintenance procedures covered by the Aircraft Agreement. The Technical Sub-Committee could also examine steps being taken by signatories to implement Article 3.1 of the Agreement with respect to the certification requirements and specifications identified by the Technical Sub-Committee, having regard to the requirements of the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade including as examples Articles 2, 7 and 10. Included in this discussion could be an examination of existing systems with a view to avoiding duplication of work done by other institutions.