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## Committee on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures

### NOTE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

1. Members will recall that, pursuant to Article 24.3 of the Agreement, experts serving on the Permanent Group of Experts (PGE) "will be elected by the Committee and one of them will be replaced every year." A 13 June 1995 decision of the Committee further provides that "[t]he initial five persons elected to the Permanent Group of Experts shall serve staggered terms of office of 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 years" (G/SCM/4, para. 1). It further provides that "[t]he decision as to which person shall serve which of these terms of office shall be decided by lot after the initial membership of the PGE has been established."

2. As the initial slate of experts was elected on 6 March 1996, the Committee should promptly begin the process leading to the election of a new expert. In light of the need for Members to know which expert is to be replaced this year when considering the suggestion and election of a new expert, I have, after consultation with the PGE and in the presence of the Vice-Chairperson of the Committee, drawn lots to determine which expert will have which term of office. The results of the drawing are as follows:

Mr. Klein	-	1 year
Mr. Chang	-	2 years
Mr. Kotera	-	3 years
Mr. Martin	-	4 years
Mr. Horlick	-	5 years

3. Pursuant to the 13 June decision of the Committee, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall propose to the Committee candidates for election to the PGE. The proposal shall be based on suggestions submitted by Members and shall be made after informal consultations with delegations. The suggestions may include candidates of nationalities other than that of the suggesting Member. In order to insure that a proposal can be made to the Committee at its regular meeting in April 1997, **any suggestions should be submitted to me in writing not later than 21 March 1997. Suggestions made after that date will not be considered.**