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Committee on Balance-of-Payments Restrictions

NOTE ON THE MEETINGS OF 10-11 JUNE AND 24-25 JUNE 1996

1. Under the Chairmanship of Mr. P. Witt (Germany), consultations were held with Tunisia and the Slovak Republic on 10 and 11 June and 24 and 25 June respectively. Under "Other Business", the following points were raised:

(a) Cancellation of consultations

2. During the meeting of 10-11 June, the representative of Turkey informed the Committee that his Government was reducing all its duties to bound levels as of 1 January 1997 and therefore would be disinvoking Article XVIII:B (WT/BOP/N/7). The Committee agreed, on this basis, to cancel the consultations scheduled for 25 and 26 June 1996.

3. During the meeting of 24-25 June, the representative of Poland informed the Committee that his Government would eliminate its import surcharge by 1 January 1997 and thus disinvoke Article XII (WT/BOP/N/8). On this basis, the Committee agreed to cancel the consultations scheduled for 8 and 9 July 1996.

(b) Report to the Committee on Trade and Development

4. The Chairman announced that his draft report to the Chairman of the Committee on Trade and Development regarding the implementation of development-related provisions under the Committee's purview would shortly be circulated for comment by Committee members.

(c) Status of international/intergovernmental organizations as observers

5. There was a preliminary discussion on the status of international/intergovernmental organizations as observers to the Committee.

(d) Annual notification requirements

6. The Committee agreed to take up in September the question of compliance with the annual notification obligation in paragraph 9 of the Understanding on Balance-of-Payments Provisions of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994.