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SUMMARY RECORD OF THE FIFTH MEETING

Held at the International Conference Centre, Geneva
on Wednesday, 26 November 1986, at 3.30 p.m.

Chairman: Mr. K. Chiba (Japan)

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Election of Officers

The following nominations were made:

Chairman of the CONTRACTING PARTIES:	Mr. Mansur Ahmad (Pakistan)
Vice-Chairmen of the CONTRACTING PARTIES:	Mr. Ferenc Furulyás (Hungary)
	Mr. José Carlos Mariátegui Arellano (Peru)
	Mr. Richard Nottage (New Zealand)
Chairman of the Council of Representatives:	Mr. Alan Oxley (Australia)
Chairman of the Committee on Trade and Development:	Mr. B.A. Adeyemi (Nigeria)

The CONTRACTING PARTIES elected the officers nominated.

The CHAIRMAN, making some concluding personal observations, remarked that contracting parties had travelled during 1986 on a long and bumpy road which had culminated in the Punta del Este Declaration; they were now trying to make that Declaration into something real. Mr. Ahmad of Pakistan, the newly elected Chairman of the CONTRACTING PARTIES, would be the man to keep that process going, and would undoubtedly receive the support of all contracting parties in that task. He noted that GATT was a living, dynamic organism which had constantly evolved during its 40-year existence. The

organization was still young and he was confident in its future. He then thanked the Secretariat under the leadership of its Director-General, Mr. Dunkel, for its work over the past year and noted that Mr. Feij (Netherlands) was chairing an informal group to examine possibilities of improving the circumstances in which the Secretariat worked.

Closure of the Session

The Session closed at 4.30 p.m.

Mr. Ahmad (Pakistan) said that the CONTRACTING PARTIES had conferred a singular honour on his country by electing him as their new Chairman. He was deeply conscious of the fact that he had been entrusted with this responsibility at a time when the CONTRACTING PARTIES had embarked on a most important endeavour in the Uruguay Round to address and rectify the problems that afflicted the world trading system. The CONTRACTING PARTIES would need to exert consistent efforts to keep the new round not only going, but going in a well-marked direction. He was confident that he could depend on the full cooperation of all the contracting parties. He would not hesitate to turn for help to the newly elected Chairman of the Council and the Vice-Chairmen of the CONTRACTING PARTIES, and also to the Director-General and the Secretariat. Mr. Chiba had made an outstanding contribution as Chairman of the CONTRACTING PARTIES during the past year, and he would try to continue that good work so as to advance GATT's work in meeting its objectives.