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Summary of Concluding Remarks by Chairman

While recognizing the helpful comments made by the Polish delegate in elucidating the problems the Chairman called attention to the need for further clarification on some points. He summarized these points as follows:

1. First, greater precision is desirable as regards the general Polish import undertakings, set out in (i) and (ii) in the right-hand column of TN.64/NTE/15. Would these undertakings be defined in absolute or relative terms? If the latter, would the undertaking be expressed as a percentage of Polish imports - from all countries, including the State-trading countries, or only from market economy countries? - or would they be related to growth in the Polish market? Furthermore, would the undertakings be based on Poland's entire export trade, i.e. existing trade as well as the increment?

Are the Polish desiderata directed to those products on which contracting parties bind their tariffs in the Kennedy Round, or to the whole range of their trade with the contracting parties? Finally, how would the Polish undertakings be expressed?

2. What assurances can Poland give contracting parties concerning their possibilities to compete in the Polish market on equal terms with Polish producers and how would contracting parties be put in a position to form their views on the extent of protection? At which stage in the drawing up of the Polish development plans will consideration be given to the Polish undertakings?

3. Will Poland's import policy in practice as well as in principle be non-discriminatory and, in particular, will contracting parties be assured of at least as favourable a treatment as non-contracting parties?

4. Would Poland be prepared by way of negotiation to include particular products and quantities in her import plan? Will Poland be willing to engage in such negotiations with any contracting party which so requests?

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5. How would Poland see to it that countries which do not at present have bilateral arrangements - or in general practice a liberal policy towards imports from Poland - are not put at a disadvantage in connexion with the transition from present bilateral arrangements to multilateral trade?
6. The importance of further Polish clarification of its pricing policies and of safeguards against dumping and market disruption.
7. How to obtain flexibility in the arrangement through annual review and negotiation.

The Chairman of the Group stressed that those were the points on which the discussions had shown that the Group would have to concentrate in its further work. It was not intended to be a complete list of all the questions that had been raised, and the Chairman emphasized that it was not in any sense his intention to suggest that other problems might not also need to be discussed further.

It was agreed that delegations wishing to draw the attention of the Polish delegation to further points should without delay notify the secretariat accordingly.