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## PROPOSAL BY THE CANADIAN DELEGATION TO THE SUB-GROUP: "QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS"

The following paper is circulated at the request of the delegation of Canada.

In its report to the Trade Negotiations Committee on 10 July 1974, the Group 3(b) on Non-Tariff Measures registered a wide measure of agreement that it would be difficult to take the examination of the two draft texts of possible solutions for the elimination of quantitative restrictions (including embargoes and voluntary export restraints) set out in Spec(73)17 any further without entering into negotiations proper.

The Canadian delegation suggests that one practical way to enter into substantive negotiations on this important question of quantitative restrictions and measures having similar effects would be for this Sub-Group to agree to proceed on the basis of specific requests and offers and multilateral monitoring of the progress of the negotiations.

It therefore suggests that the Sub Group work out appropriate procedures, including:

- (a) presentation of specific requests by individual participants or by groups of participants by a fixed date;
- (b) indication on the specific requests of the measures and products of interest as well as the action the country maintaining the measure is requested to take and the time by which it should be taken;
- (c) circulation through the GATT secretariat of specific requests to all participants;
- (d) submission of offers by a specified date, including comments on action requested which cannot be met;
- (e) examination in the Sub-Group of offers, country by country.