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PRIORITY LIST OF INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS

Revised Proposal by the Nordic Countries

At the twelfth meeting of the Committee, on 10 February 1983, the Committee decided to revert to a revised proposal prepared by the Swedish Delegation on behalf of the Nordic countries regarding the priority list of international standards.

A revised version of the proposal contained in document TBT/13 is presented below. The views expressed by other delegations at the meeting referred to above have been taken into account in revising the proposal.

List of products covered by TBT notifications

The Committee has collected information on existing international standards (TBT/W/45/Rev.1) in order to review and promote the implementation of Articles 2.2 and 2.3 of the Agreement. In this connection the representatives of IEC and ISO have stated that their organizations were prepared to give priority to such work which might be considered to be of special importance for removing technical barriers to trade.

1. It is therefore proposed that the Committee request the secretariat to prepare a list of products covered by TBT notifications. This list should be structured into different groups of products which should be as specific as possible.
2. It is proposed that this list could be presented to relevant international standardizing bodies in order to obtain information on the existence of international standards and the present standardization work within the indicated product groups.