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## POSSIBLE CONTRIBUTION TO THE MINISTERIAL MEETING

### Communication from Czechoslovakia

The following communication, dated 25 May 1982, has been received by the Chairman from the Permanent Mission of Czechoslovakia.

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Referring to your letter dated 12 May 1982 and to the discussion held at the last meeting of the Anti-Dumping Committee regarding a possible contribution of the Committee to the GATT Ministerial Meeting I take this opportunity to offer some comments on points which my delegation would regard as being of concern.

In our view the application and interpretation of the Agreement on Implementation of Article VI and the application of the anti-dumping measures under it has been accompanied by some problems impeding the objectives of the Agreement.

Procedural safeguards provided for by the Agreement have not been applied in a satisfactory way. On the basis of information made available by the authorities of importing countries, which was very often restricted because of the alleged need for confidentiality, it was difficult if not impossible for the exporters to understand how these authorities actually arrived at dumping and injury findings.

The price comparison problems have appeared during the operation of the Agreement and the methods of comparison applied in some cases have not been appropriate and reasonable and produced misleading results. Furthermore in some cases the methods of comparison applied have not constituted equitable, neutral and open basis for examination and determination of dumping.

The tendency to apply basic price systems has increased in last years. This has given cause for growing concern in that these systems would be used as a substitute for normal anti-dumping investigations.

These are some concerns of my delegation which seem to be of a broader nature as they have also been raised earlier by other countries during the operation and implementation of the Agreement.

We feel that these concerns could be looked at if the Committee is of the view that they are of a general nature and deserve attention in the context of a possible contribution to the Ministerial Meeting.