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Communication from Canada

The following communication, dated 31 October 1984, has been received from the delegation of Canada.

I have the honour to request that the following communication, setting out Canadian ideas on the surveillance rôle of the Council with respect to the implementation of panel reports, be circulated to the contracting parties for their information prior to the meeting of the Council beginning on 6 November.

The Canadian delegation would propose to speak to these ideas following the Council's consideration of agenda item 2(B) Dispute Settlement Procedures - Panel Procedures.

DISPUTE SETTLEMENT

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Where a recommendation or ruling has been made by the CONTRACTING PARTIES, the contracting party to which such a recommendation or ruling has been addressed, shall report to the Director-General, within a reasonable specified time, on action taken, or on its reasons for not acting, in accordance with the decision of the CONTRACTING PARTIES.

To facilitate the council's role in keeping under surveillance any matter on which it has made recommendations or given rulings, the Director-General shall, on a twice-yearly basis, report to the council on the status of work under way on panels and on the actions taken by contracting parties to respond to council's recommendations or rulings. The Director-General shall base his report on, but not be limited by, the information provided by contracting parties.

CONTRACTING PARTIES agree that an issue shall remain part of the Director-General's report until such time as the CONTRACTING PARTIES consider that the recommendations or rulings have been complied with or the affected party or parties which brought the complaint to the CONTRACTING PARTIES no longer consider its inclusion to be necessary.