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## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE IN AGRICULTURE TO THE 41st SESSION OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES

Report adopted by the Committee at its meeting  
on 24 October 1985

1. The Committee on Trade in Agriculture was established pursuant to the 1982 Ministerial Declaration to undertake a comprehensive programme of work and to make recommendations to the CONTRACTING PARTIES with a view to achieving greater liberalization in the trade in agricultural products. The Recommendations made by the Committee, which called for the elaboration of a number of approaches as a basis for possible future negotiations, were adopted by the CONTRACTING PARTIES at their 40th Session in November 1984 (L/5753). The present report is submitted in accordance with Paragraph 4 of the Recommendations which provides that the Committee should examine in depth, in the framework of a general solution covering all the problems relating to trade in agriculture as defined in the 1982 Ministerial Declaration, all the approaches referred to in the Recommendations, and report on progress achieved not later than the 41st Session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES.
2. In carrying out this task, the Committee examined in detail, at its meetings in February, April, September and October 1985, each section of the Recommendations basing itself inter alia on a Draft Elaboration (documents AG/W/9 and AG/W/9/Rev.1) prepared by the secretariat in consultation with the Chairman. The points of view expressed and new suggestions or proposals made on this subject are set forth in the notes summarizing the Committee's meetings (documents AG/W/12, 13, 14 and 15).
3. In the light of its discussions, the Committee considers that it should pursue the in-depth examination of all the approaches referred to in the Recommendations and of the way in which they could be elaborated as a basis for possible future negotiations aimed at achieving the objectives embodied in the Recommendations adopted at the 40th Session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES.
4. The Committee on Trade in Agriculture accordingly recommends that the CONTRACTING PARTIES adopt this report and decide that the Committee should continue in existence for the purposes outlined in paragraph 3 above, and report as appropriate.