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Note by the Chairman

1. This note sets out some of the main points raised at the meeting of the Negotiating Group on 5 and 6 October 1987. A more detailed note by the secretariat on that meeting will be issued in due course.

2. At this meeting the Negotiating Group had an initial exchange of views on new proposals by Egypt, Switzerland and Japan (contained in MTN.GNG/NG9/W/9, 10 and 11), which had been circulated either just before or during the meeting. The Group also had some further discussions on the two proposals made earlier, one by Brazil in MTN.GNG/NG9/W/3 and the other jointly by Australia, Hong Kong, Korea, New Zealand and Singapore, distributed as MTN.GNG/NG/W/4 and further explained in MTN.GNG/NG9/W/8. Discussions on the points raised in these papers and any new proposals will be continued in the next meeting as provided in the first indent of the Negotiating Plan of the Group.

3. The Group also took up the question of the next steps in its work. The Chairman noted that the Negotiating Plan did not contain any initial phase to be completed by the end of the year but suggested that the Group should aim to put itself in a position to begin work in the second indent of the Plan by that time. After a short discussion, the Chairman concluded (i) that the next meeting should be held during the week of 23 November 1987; (ii) that delegations which had not yet tabled papers should make an effort to do so and that the date of the next meeting should be taken as a target for the circulation of such papers; and (iii) that, while general statements could still be made, discussions at the next meeting should address points raised in the papers tabled and the Group's discussions on each of the specific elements enumerated in the Ministerial Declaration and additional elements identified in the Group. The secretariat's note on the May 1987 meeting of the Group (MTN.GNG/NG9/2) sets out these elements.