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The following communication, dated 28 October 1988, is circulated at the request of the Permanent Mission of India.

In our view, the report should reflect appropriately the strong views expressed in the Group in favour of:

- (i) establishing non-discrimination and temporariness as the key principles which should govern a future comprehensive understanding on safeguards; and
- (ii) declaring grey-area measures with selective application as measures proscribed by GATT.

Furthermore, we propose the following text containing our expectation of the outcome of the Montreal meeting on the subject of safeguards, for inclusion in the report for Minister's decision:

"Ministers, taking note of the report of the Chairman of the Negotiating Group on Safeguards, agree that the following key principles should govern the comprehensive safeguards undertaking:

- (i) Safeguard measures should be of limited duration;
- (ii) They should be non-discriminatory; and
- (iii) Grey-area measures which result in selective application should be proscribed."