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Committee on Balance-of-Payments Restrictions

NOTE ON MEETING OF 21 AND 22 APRIL 1997

Revised Schedule of Consultations

1. The Chairman drew the attention of the Committee to the proposed programme of consultations, WT/BOP/W/15, Rev.1, circulated on 24 March. He reminded Members that paragraph 11 of the Understanding spells out the information that should be contained in the Basic Document prepared by the consulting Member.

Membership

2. The Chairman informed the Committee that since the circulation of an updated membership list (WT/BOP/INF/4), Ecuador and Tunisia had requested participation in the Committee. A revised list of Committee members would be circulated shortly.

Notifications

3. The Chairman drew the attention of Members to the notification by Bulgaria (WT/BOP/N/18) circulated on 27 March and stated that consultations would most probably be held before the summer break. One Member asked that it be clarified whether Bulgaria would be consulting under the provisions of Article XII.

Other Business

4. Some Members suggested that the Secretariat produce, on a regular basis, a checklist on the status of consultations and disinvocations. It was noted that the tabular annex produced for the Annual Report to the General Council might meet their concerns.

5. The representative of Turkey stated that his Government had disinvoked Article XVIII and would be sending a written notification to that effect.