

REPORTING PROCEDURES FOR THE SINGAPORE MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE

Statement made by the Chairman at the meeting of the General Council on 16 April 1996

1. Subsidiary bodies of the General Council are invited to prepare their reports on the basis of the Procedures for an annual overview of the WTO activities and for reporting under the WTO laid down by the General Council on 15 November 1995 (WT/L/105). These reports should be submitted in accordance with the schedule of meetings circulated in document WT/GC/W/32/Rev.1 in order to enable the General Council to adopt its own report to the Ministerial Conference on 7 November 1996.
2. Given the different mandates of Standing Bodies of the WTO it is difficult to establish a common format for reports of these bodies. In some instances, for example, efforts to include in reports an assessment or an identification of problems and issues could lead to undue difficulties. Each Body must therefore ultimately decide on the format of report which it deems most appropriate for consideration of relevant issues by the superior Body.
3. While taking the above into account, I suggest that these reports include at least the following elements:
  - (a) a section on implementation of the relevant Agreements;
  - (b) progress concerning work under the Built-in Agenda;
  - (c) an indication as appropriate of issues and problems which have been identified and recommendations if any.