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Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 November 1985

Chairman: Ambassador F. Jaramillo

1. The Chairman recalled that the purpose of the meeting was to consider his revised draft report to the CONTRACTING PARTIES at their Forty-First Session. He said that the report would reflect his own understanding of the work carried out so far under the 1984 Agreed Conclusions, and any delegation would of course be free to comment on the report as a whole or on parts of it at the Forty-First Session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES.

2. The text of the revised draft report was agreed, together with amendments proposed by the representatives of Brazil, the European Community, Hungary, India and Korea.

3. The representative of India said that the discussions had shown that there was a general appreciation that the exchange of information had been of a preliminary and tentative nature, exploring the various issues in the services sectors which had been dealt with in the national examinations. No degree of finality had been arrived at on any of the issues discussed so far. There was therefore need for further work to identify more clearly the issues and concepts involved. This was a point which could have been made more clearly in the report. However, as the report now identified the different views expressed by delegations more clearly it was therefore acceptable to his delegation.

4. The Chairman stated that the exchange of information had for the time being come to an end and that, as agreed, it was now up to the CONTRACTING PARTIES to consider any further steps to be taken.