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EXAMINATION OF COUNTRY REPLIES

Note by the Canadian Delegation

(This document is intended to supplement and develop the proposals of the Secretariat, as contained in Appendix I to AC/19-D/13.)

It is desirable that all Member countries as well as the Secretariat should participate actively in the discussion relating to the positions and possibilities of others, rather than leaving such discussions on a completely bilateral basis between individual countries and the Secretariat.

2. It is not practicable for every country to participate in the examination of the position of every other country - impracticable both because the examining group, consisting of fourteen plus the Secretariat, would be hopelessly unwieldy and also because most delegations do not have the staff which would be required.

3. Accordingly, it seems essential that the elucidation of the position of each country should be carried forward by a panel or "round table" consisting of a few other countries.

4. Each panel or round table might well consist of the following:

- (a) all three Standing Group countries and the Secretariat. (The position of a Standing Group country would of course be different when its own submission was under discussion);
- (b) two other countries which would be specifically designated and would be responsible for taking an active part;

- (c) any other country or countries which, for some reason, wished to be a member of the particular panel in question.

5. Under 4(b) above, each non-Standing Group country would become responsible for taking part in the elucidation of the positions of two or three other countries. This would seem to be a reasonable and practicable assignment for all but the smallest delegations.

6. Reports of the round tables or panels, amended as required, would become sections, or "country annexes", of the main draft report. The Annual Review Committee should not feel it necessary to review all these annexes in detail before their submission to Governments and to the Council.