of these Committees is limited to those Contracting
Parties who have joined the Agreements. These Committees
would include, for example:

- Committee on Anti-Dumping Practices
- Committee on Subsidies-Countervail
- Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade
  (Standards)
- Committee on Licensing
- Committee on Meat
- Committee on Dairy Products
- Committee on Government Procurement
- Committee on Aircraft
- Committee on Customs Valuation

With the exception of the Committee on Dairy
Products, where it is an observer, Canada is a member of
all these Committees.

In addition to the above, there are also standing
Committees on Trade and Development, which focus on the
problems of developing countries, and the Budget, which
deals with budgetary, financial and administrative
questions.

All these Committees are usually chaired by a
representative of a contracting party. The GATT Director
General chairs the GATT "Consultative Group of 18" which
is made up of 18 contracting parties from a representative
group of developing and developed countries (Canada, the
USA, Japan, the EC, India, and Brazil are among the
permanent members). This group, which meets four to six
times a year, was established to examine longer-term
questions related to the direction of the GATT. More
recently, for example, it has been discussing questions
related to the timing and agenda of the next round of
trade negotiations. The "CG-18" is usually attended, at
least in the case of major developed countries, by senior
officials.

Working parties (ad hoc committees) are set up to
deal with current questions, such as requests for
accession to GATT, to verify that agreements concluded by
member countries are in conformity with GATT, or to study
issues on which the member countries will later wish to
take a joint decision. Panels of conciliation are
convened to provide reports and recommendations on
disputes between particular GATT members. (Recent panels
in which Canada has been involved have included the panel
on EC import restrictions on newsprint, the panel on