

SERVICES WORKING GROUP

The Commission accepted the Report of the Services Working Group regarding the Group's first meeting held on May 4. The purpose of the Services Working Group, which was established by the Commission at its last meeting, is to monitor the implementation of the Services Chapter in the Agreement and to consider, in consultation with the industries concerned, the expansion and further liberalization of trade in services. The Services Working Group will report to the Commission on a regular basis. The report outlined the range of matters that potentially may be addressed by the Group as well as the preliminary work program of the Group.

PLYWOOD

The Commission agreed to send a joint letter to the Binational Committee on Plywood Standards. The letter expresses satisfaction with the progress of the Committee's work to date and encourages it to maintain the present momentum. The Binational Committee has been urged to submit the draft standards to the national standards organizations in both countries by July 31, 1990, with a request that these organizations report back to the Committee on the results of their deliberations by the end of October.

AUTO SELECT PANEL

The Commission agreed to send a joint letter to the Co-chairpersons of the Auto Select Panel. The letter reaffirms the Commission's interest in ensuring the Panel complete its work program. The panel has the opportunity to play a major role by providing its insight on policy recommendations in the future course of the industry in North America.