GENERAL AGREEMENT

ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

RESTRICTED L/7623 30 January 1995 Limited Distribution

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STATE-TRADING

Notifications Pursuant to Article XVII:4(a)

In accordance with the Decision of the CONTRACTING PARTIES at their twentieth session (BISD 11S/58), contracting parties should submit every third year, new and full responses to the questionnaire on State-trading (BISD 9S/184) and bring these notifications up to date in the intervening years.

Contracting parties are therefore invited to submit notifications of the changes which have occurred in their State-trading measures since their full notifications in 1993 (L/7161 plus addenda) and their supplementary notifications in 1994 (L/7374 and addenda).

It is recalled that the CONTRACTING PARTIES to the GATT 1947 have decided that, if a measure is subject to a notification obligation both under the WTO Agreement and the GATT 1947, the notification of such a measure to the WTO shall, unless otherwise indicated in the notification, be deemed to be also a notification of that measure under the GATT 1947 (L/7582, dated 13 December 1994). A separate request for notifications under Article XVII of GATT 1994 by WTO Members will be circulated shortly, and responses to that request will, in line with the previously cited Decision, be considered also as responses to the present request.