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## ADHERENCE TO THE ANTI-DUMPING CODE

### Communications from Australia and New Zealand

At the meeting in September 1971 of the Committee on Anti-Dumping Practices, it was agreed that the Chairman of the Committee should ask the Director-General to write to the Governments of Australia, New Zealand and South Africa inviting them to explain their problems in adhering to the Code and inviting them to have an informal discussion with the Committee at its 1972 meeting (cf. COM/AD/19, paragraphs 63 and 64). The Director-General sent such letters to the permanent representatives of the three countries on 29 November 1971.

The following replies have been received from the Permanent Missions of Australia and New Zealand.

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### AUSTRALIA

I refer to the suggestion made by the Committee on Anti-Dumping Practices that countries not members of the Agreement on Implementation of Article VI of the General Agreement might explain to the Committee their views in respect of possible accession to the Agreement.

The Australian authorities have reconsidered the position of Australia with regard to this question. They have come to the view that there are no grounds at present for changing the viewpoint previously expressed by Australia concerning the signature of the Code. The matter, however, will be kept under review.

Mr. G.J. Hall, Assistant Secretary of the International Trade Organisations Division of the Department of Trade and Industry, is currently in Geneva to attend a number of G.I.T. meetings. Should members of the Committee on Anti-Dumping Practices so desire, Mr. Hall would be glad to discuss with them matters relating to the Agreement at the meeting of the Committee to be held later this month.

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NEW ZEALAND

On 29 November 1971 you invited the New Zealand Government to consider its position with regard to the Agreement on the Implementation of Article VI.

Recognizing the interest expressed by the CONTRACTING PARTIES at their twenty-sixth session in the acceptance of the Agreement on the Implementation of Article VI of the General Agreement by developed countries, a full study of the provisions of the code in relation to the relevant New Zealand legislation has been carried out. It has been concluded from this study that it would be inappropriate at this time for New Zealand to adopt the code.

I am, however, prepared to meet informally with the Committee should its members so wish, to receive their views on the subject.