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Statement Made by the Austrian Delegation in the Anti-Dumping Committee, October 1976

In the view of the Austrian delegation there is a close connexion between Article 6(b) and 6(e) of the Code, the latter of which relates to investigations in other countries. In order to be in compliance with Article 6(e), such investigations should be carried out only in order to verify information provided or to obtain further details. However, the Austrian authorities have got the experience that the authorities of importing countries sometimes only notify the mere fact that they intend to send an official to Austrian exporters within the next few days in order to carry out investigations. In the opinion of the Austrian delegation the authorities of the importing country should in such cases inform the competent authorities of the exporting country in time giving them all information that is relevant to the presentation of the case in compliance with Article 6(b) of the Code. In this way the authorities of the exporting country would have a fair chance to examine whether there is sufficient evidence of dumping as well as injury (in compliance with Article 5(a) of the Code). On this basis it would be possible for the competent authorities of the exporting country to decide in a more objective way whether it is justified or not to object to the investigation in their country in compliance with Article 6(e) of the Code.

Therefore, the Austrian delegation would propose to include Article 6(e) of the Anti-Dumping Code in the analytical inventory of problems and issues arising under the Code and its application by the parties to the Code that is to be drawn up by the Committee.

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