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Communication by Italy

The following communication, addressed to the Chairman of the Committee on Trade in Civil Aircraft, dated 16 December 1980, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Italy.

In accordance with your suggestion at the meeting of the Committee on Trade in Civil Aircraft on 20 February 1980 I am herewith submitting a short report on the legal status of certain entities operating aircraft subject to military registration whose purchases are excluded from the operation of the Agreement on Trade in Civil Aircraft. As I have stated during the meeting and as you will see from the legal texts quoted and referred to here, in fact these entities form an integral part of Armed Forces and have been referred to specifically in the EEC List of exclusions (GATT document AIR/1 of 11 February 1980) from coverage of the Agreement to avoid misunderstanding or confusion.

In the case of Italy the following legal texts indicate clearly that the "Carabinieri", "Guardia di Finanza" and "Pubblica Sicurezza" (or Polizia) fall under the authority of the Armed Forces and are an integral part of them.

- Carabinieri and Polizia: Law number 383 of 2 April 1925
- Guardia di Finanza: Law number 189 of 21 April 1959