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Addendum

The following communication, dated 7 March 1966, has been received from the delegation of Belgium.

As regards the reduction and elimination of barriers to products currently or potentially of particular export interest to less-developed contracting parties (Article XXXVII, paragraph 1(a)), the status of restrictions maintained by my Government was the subject of a statement during the meeting of the Group on Residual Restrictions of the Committee on Trade and Development which met from 10 to 21 October 1965 (see COM.TD/B/3, page 11).

The tariff aspect of the action referred to in Article XXXVII, paragraph 1 comes within the scope of the Kennedy Round in which Belgium is participating as a member of the European Economic Community.

In addition, I have the honour to refer to the communication addressed to you on 3 March 1966 by Mr. Hijzen on behalf of the Commission of the Community, regarding the suspension of import duties decided upon by the Community in 1963 and relating to certain products capable of presenting an interest for the export trade of less-developed countries, which has been prolonged for a further year beginning 1 January 1966.¹

Furthermore, Belgium has respected the standstill provided for in paragraphs 1(b) and 1(c)(i) of Article XXXVII. It has not modified its fiscal system in a way permitting the application of point 1(c)(ii) of the same Article.

As regards the provisions of Article XXXVII, paragraph 3(a), the Belgium Government has not determined the resale price in Belgium of products wholly or mainly produced in the territories of less-developed contracting parties.

Lastly, as regards the implementation of Article XXXVII, paragraph 3(b), it will suffice to recall that Belgium participates in the work of the Committee on Trade and Development and of the International Trade Centre, whose activities include the promotion of imports from less-developed contracting parties.

¹See L/2581

