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## ACTION BY GOVERNMENTS RELEVANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF PART IV

### Addendum

### ISRAEL

The following statement concerning the implementation of Part IV was made by the representative of Israel at the meeting of the Committee on 4 November 1968.

1. Since the request for information on the implementation of Part IV is addressed to developing as well as developed countries, I should like to indicate very briefly some measures which the Government of Israel has taken in the direction of trade expansion among developing countries.
2. Firstly, in the framework of a number of successive unilateral tariff reductions which are intended to increase the competitive efficiency of our own export industries, special attention has been paid to items where imports are expected to increase from other developing countries. This aspect will also be apparent in the new tariff reductions which will become effective on 1 January 1969.
3. Secondly, Israel is actively taking part in the trade negotiations among developing countries within the framework of the Committee on Trade Negotiations among Developing Countries. In addition we have recently exchanged high level trade missions with several countries in Asia, Africa and South America and in this context the Government is again paying particular attention to the possibility of giving a larger share of our imports to these countries; the value of this policy should be seen in the light of the high level of per capita imports in Israel which has been steadily rising from year to year.
4. Finally, within the framework of technical co-operation, we have taken part in the activities of the International Trade Centre both ways - that is to say - we have been sending participants to the Centre's courses and have benefited from its other services; and we have also received study tours of trade promotion officials from other countries, especially from Latin American countries. We are convinced that in this field the exchange between developing countries of their respective experiences and problems can be very fruitful indeed.

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