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Notification by Austria

Addendum

In a communication dated 24 October, the Permanent Mission of Austria has provided the following data on imports of handmade products in 1978 under the Austrian scheme for handmade products together with comparable data for the period 1975-1977.

General remarks

1. The scheme became operational on 25 April 1975.
2. If not otherwise stated, all figures are given in Austrian schillings. To facilitate conversion into United States dollars, the average exchange rates for 1975-1978 are given below:

1975 - S 100 = US\$5.75;	US\$1 = S 17.42
1976 - S 100 = US\$5.57;	US\$1 = S 17.94
1977 - S 100 = US\$6.05;	US\$1 = S 16.53
1978 - S 100 = US\$6.89;	US\$1 = S 14.52

TABLE I
Statistical Breakdown of Handicraft Imports into Austria
(textile articles and other handicrafts)

	1975	+ -	%	1976	+ -	%	1977	+ -	%	1978
Total imports of handicrafts	12,303,991	+ 349.68		55,328,779	+ 52.92		84,607,037	+ 21.29		102,623,710
Imports of handmade textiles										
- in Austrian schillings	9,238,884	+ 259.09		33,175,946	+ 3.46		34,322,574	+ 52.15		52,220,660
- as percentage of total imports	75.09	-		59.96	-		40.47	-		50.89
Imports of other handicrafts										
- in Austrian schillings	3,065,109	+ 622.74		22,152,833	+ 126.99		50,284,463	+ 0.24		50,403,050
- as percentage of total imports	24.91	-		40.04	-		59.43	-		49.11

TABLE II
Statistical Breakdown of Handicraft Imports into Austria
(origin regions)

	1975	+ -	%	1976	+ -	%	1977	+ -	%	1978
Developing countries in Europe										
- imports in Austrian schillings	3,716,587	+	665.77	28,460,804	+	65.95	47,232,062	+	12.33	53,056,806
- imports as percentage of total imports	30.21	-	-	51.44	-	-	55.83	-	-	51.70
Other than Europe										
- in Austrian schillings	8,587,404	+	212.87	26,867,975	+	39.10	37,374,975	+	32.62	49,566,904
- as percentage of total imports	69.79	-	-	48.56	-	-	44.17	-	-	48.30
Asia										
- in Austrian schillings	8,587,404	+	212.87	26,278,866	+	34.88	35,447,541	+	33.65	47,375,255
- as percentage of total imports	69.79	-	-	47.50	-	-	41.89	-	-	46.16
Africa										
- in Austrian schillings	-	-	-	589,109	+	227.09	1,926,969	+	13.74	2,191,649
- as percentage of total imports	-	-	-	1.06	-	-	2.28	-	-	2.14
America										
- in Austrian schillings	-	-	-	-	-	-	465	-	-	-
- as percentage of total imports	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-

TABLE III

Statistical Breakdown of Handicraft Imports into Austria
(countries of origin)

Note: The second column indicates the date when an agreement enabling the country concerned to benefit from the scheme entered into force.

		1975	+ -%	1976	+ -%	1977	+ -%	1978
<u>Europe</u>								
Greece	22.12.77	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,695,423
Malta	30.1.76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Romania	22.9.75	2,614,468	+ 427.46	13,790,378	- 2.65	13,434,057	+ 15.53	15,520,974
Spain	21.5.76	-	-	2,124,706	+ 324.45	9,018,288	+ 34.54	12,131,971
Turkey	1.7.76	-	-	5,736,148	+ 198.50	17,122,144	- 8.34	15,693,987
Yugoslavia	18.6.75	1,102,119	+ 517.86	6,809,572	+ 12.45	7,657,573	+ 4.66	8,014,451
<u>Asia</u>								
Afghanistan	29.5.78	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bangladesh	8.7.76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
India	3.10.75	-	-	305,543	+ 879.91	2,994,051	+ 131.09	6,918,929
Indonesia	27.1.78	-	-	-	-	2,428	-	32,789
Israel	4.6.76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Korea, Rep.of	25.4.75	683,976	+ 395.37	3,388,180	+ 296.87	13,446,748	- 50.50	6,656,331
Malaysia	11.7.78	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nepal	27.3.78	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pakistan	28.5.75	7,903,428	+ 172.37	21,526,260	- 49.42	14,406,876	+ 108.27	30,004,448
Philippines	24.8.76	-	-	100,233	+ 2,125.17	2,230,354	- 4.33	2,133,692
Singapore	6.2.76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Thailand	14.1.76	-	-	958,650	+ 146.92	2,367,084	- 31.18	1,629,066

TABLE III (cont'd)

	1975	+ -%	1976	+ -%	1977	+ -%	1978
<u>Africa</u>							
Egypt	-	-	523,649	+ 262.94	1,900,507	+ 15.32	2,191,649
Kenya	-	-	3,986	+ 563.87	26,462	-	-
Malawi	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rwanda	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tunisia	-	-	61,474	-	-	-	-
<u>America</u>							
Argentina	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bolivia	-	-	-	-	465	-	-
Cuba	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ecuador	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Uruguay	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

