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THE OPERATION OF PART IV OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT

Statements by Governments

Addendum

DENMARK

- 1. The Government of Denmark is of the opinion that, under the programme of work adopted at the twenty-fourth session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES, considerable progress has been made in the implementation of Part IV provisions, in the tariff field as well as in the non-tariff field. The conclusions adopted at the close of the twenty-fifth session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES concerning the agenda item "Expansion of Trade" similarly reflects the special interest which member States take in the problems of the developing countries.
- 2. At this moment the Government of Denmark has no specific suggestions as to how to ensure a more satisfactory and effective operation of Part IV. The Danish authorities believe that the developing countries themselves would best be able to identify the existing problems; moreover, it is felt that final judgment on the satisfactory implementation of Part IV should not be passed at this early stage.
- 3. In the opinion of the Danish Government many of the remaining problems relating to the implementation of Part IV provisions might be solved by an international arrangement establishing tariff preferences to developing countries. Together with the other Nordic countries, Denmark has, within the framework of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development and the UNCTAD, participated with great interest in the efforts to effect such an arrangement.
- 4. Further, it should also be pointed out that Denmark takes a keen interest in the conclusion of international agreements on various commodities of interest to the developing countries.
- 5. For its own part, Denmark is making continuous efforts to climinate quantitative restrictions and to further liberalize Danish trade, giving special consideration to the problems of developing countries. In this connexion the Government of Denmark wishes to draw attention to the notification about developments in Danish trade policy published in GATT document COM.TD/60/Add.7 of 5 November 1968.