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OPERATION OF PART IV OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT

Statements by Governments

Addendum

GREECE

We note that, in general, no appreciable progress has yet been made in the implementation of Part IV of the General Agreement.

The reason for this should be sought in the fact that the developed countries, for their own particular reasons, have not been in a position to take the appropriate measures either to lower customs duties and fiscal charges on imports from lessdeveloped countries or to eliminate the other restrictions on trade from those countries.

Until such time as positive action is taken on the principles approved by the CONTRACTING PARTIES in resolutions adopted at their twenty-fourth and twenty-fifth sessions regarding trade expansion in general, it will be difficult for the developing countries to proceed in any appreciation of the present situation in regard to the implementation of Part IV or the value of the results obtained for these countries.

Greece has participated actively in the negotiations between developing countries with a view to the exchange of tariff concessions or other trade facilities between these countries, thus demonstrating its sincere desire to contribute to these negotiations to the fullest extent of its possibilities.