

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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## OPERATION OF PART IV OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT

### Statements by Governments

#### Addendum

#### CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Czechoslovakia recognizes the importance of Part IV for the development of the economies of less-developed contracting parties and realizes that the economic and trade problems of these countries are serious and urgent. The Government of Czechoslovakia in formulating trade and economic policy has always given consideration to the trade problems of developing countries and has abided by the spirit and letter of Part IV. These efforts have been manifested by specific actions aimed inter alia at suspension of duties on a number of primary, semi-manufactured and manufactured products of specific interest to the developing countries, at advanced implementation of Kennedy Round concessions of interest to the developing countries as well as at creating better trading opportunities for developing countries in the Czech market by changing the structure of its imports from these countries in favour of manufactured products. Further increase of total imports as well as of imports of manufactures from developing countries has been registered last year in Czechoslovakia.

With regard to the particular problem of effective and systematic implementation of Part IV it might be perhaps observed that through the efforts of all contracting parties progress has been already achieved in implementation of Part IV both in the tariff and non-tariff field. The difficulties encountered in operation of Part IV can be to a certain extent attributed to the scope, magnitude and complexity of the problems in the field of trade and development. The identification and studies of these problems both in the tariff and non-tariff field should be continued and even accelerated so as to give concrete ground for consideration of ways and means of solving these problems through concerted action as well as for moving beyond the stage of general discussion.