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Note by the Secretariat

Addendum

The following notification has been received from the Government of Canada in reply to GATT/AIR/750.

The Canadian Government has endeavoured since accepting Part IV to maintain and to increase export opportunities for developing countries in the Canadian market. It has also played a positive rôle in the negotiation of international arrangements of particular interest to developing countries.

Most of Canada's Kennedy Round tariff reductions on tropical products and others of special interest to developing countries were implemented without staging on 1 January 1968. (These tariff reductions are listed in COM.TD/60/Add.3.) The remainder (with one minor exception) of Canada's Kennedy Round tariff reductions, including a number of interest to developing countries, were fully implemented on 4 June 1969, without further staging. The measures taken by Canada under paragraph 3(b) of Article XXXVII are described in COM.TD/60/Add.3. Canada's Adjustment Assistance Program is described in detail in COM.TD/W/98.

Canada is participating with other countries in the elaboration of a system of non-reciprocal, non-discriminatory tariff preferences for developing countries. The implementation of this generalized preference system is expected to reduce significantly the importance of tariffs as an impediment to the exports of developing countries. Accordingly it seems that the greatest scope for future action with regard to the implementation of Part IV lies in the field of non-tariff barriers to trade.

Developing countries are participating effectively in the work on non-tariff barriers of the Committee on Trade in Industrial Products. Specific problems faced by particular developing countries have been discussed in a preliminary way in this Committee. Canada believes that such discussion of specific problems is the most effective way to assess and encourage the implementation of Part IV and that such discussions should continue, not only in the Agriculture and Industrial Committees, but also in the Committee on Trade and Development and its Group on Residual Restrictions.

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