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Addendum

The following communication has been received from the delegation of Norway.

The introduction of a generalized scheme of preferences has been accepted by UNCTAD and is at present under preparation both in international organizations and in the prospective donor countries. The Norwegian Government has under these circumstances found it preferable to take up the question of further tariff concessions to developing countries in this broader context.

The global quotas for import of commodities of special interest to the developing countries have been increased in 1970 for live animals (not for food production), flower bulbs, live plants, tubers and tuberous roots, etc., cut flowers and other parts of plants, grasses, mosses, lichens etc., glucose, fruit juices of other than citrus fruit.

As to the changes in prices (Article XXXVII:3(a)), it may be mentioned that no market price has been fixed by the Norwegian Government for sales in Norway of commodities produced in developing countries.

Under the Long-Term Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Cotton Textiles agreement has been reached with the Government of the Republic of Korea on an increase of the quota on cotton textiles. The quota for other textiles increased by 13 per cent from 1969 to 1970.

Norway continues to give active support to the International Trade Centre. In 1970 the Norwegian Government made a voluntary contribution to the Centre of US\$125,000. Two experts of the Centre are likewise financed by Norway.

Regarding the Norwegian efforts to promote structural changes, reference is made to the information given in document COM.TD/W/92/Add.7 of 13 May 1969.