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## ACTION BY GOVERNMENTS RELEVANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF PART IV

### Addendum

The following information has been received from the delegations of Pakistan and the Federal Republic of Germany in connexion with the implementation of Part IV.

#### PAKISTAN

I have the honour to refer to GATT/AIR/873, dated 6 August 1971, and to state that an indication of the various directions in which efforts are constantly being made by the Government of Pakistan to develop its trade with other developing countries was given in our previous notifications of 28 January 1970, and 11 January 1971, on the above subject. Within the general framework indicated in these notifications, Pakistan has continued to make every endeavour to expand existing trade as well as to explore new possibilities of trade on the basis of mutual benefit.

2. Since our notification of 11 January 1971, some further measures have been taken by Pakistan in furtherance of the objectives of Part IV of the GATT. These include exchange of trade delegations with a few developing countries, namely Malaysia, Burma and Ceylon, and conclusion of trade agreements with the last two countries. A single-country exhibition was also arranged in Singapore last May to display Pakistani products of interest to the former.

3. In our last notification, we had mentioned about the UNCTAD study to identify barriers to intra-regional trade between the Regional Co-operation for Development (RCD) countries and to make recommendations for liberalization and expansion of trade. In pursuance of the recommendations made in the study, a Group of Experts of the member countries of the RCD has been established to make a joint study of the import regimes, foreign exchange regulations, and other trade regulations for the member countries and to formulate recommendations in this regard.

4. In the search for outlets for its finished or non-traditional export items, Pakistan also makes use of bilateral trade where required and appropriate. This, as one of the measures of trade promotion, has been found to be a useful device.

5. As already reported, Pakistan continues to take an active part in the trade negotiations among developing countries. In the recent round of these negotiations, Pakistan has concluded a number of agreements with the other developing countries in which tariff concessions have been exchanged on a number of products of interest to each other on the basis of mutual benefit.

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY

Period under review: October 1970 to September 1971

Reduction of import restrictions

The importation of the items mentioned below is liberalized. With the entry into force of the 41st Regulation amending the Import List, the Federal Republic of Germany abolished the import licencing requirements for:

salted herrings	(ex 03.02)
dried shrimps	(ex 05.15)
canned mutton	(ex 16.02)
preparations of flour, starch or malt extract (except for pudding powder - 19.02.50 - where restrictions are retained)	(ex 19.02)
macaroni, spaghetti and similar products	( 19.03)
candied tropical fruit, apricots, peaches, plants and parts thereof	(ex 20.04)
jams, etc. of tropical fruit	(ex 20.05)

Cotton sector

The European Economic Community concluded agreements on self-restriction with Taiwan, South Korea and the United Arab Republic; the agreement on self-restriction - so far bilateral - existing with Hong Kong was converted into an agreement concluded with the Community and covers an extended range of products.

Non-cotton sector

For the year 1971 the quotas for the developing countries have in some cases again been substantially increased within the framework of the global quotas.

Increase of import quotas for the Industrial Fair "Partners of Progress"

The 1970 quota of originally DM 8.2 million was increased to DM 15.8 million.

For the imminent Berlin Industrial Fair "Partners of Progress" a special quota has been envisaged for the developing countries in an amount of DM 26.5 million.

Information to developing countries on sales possibilities on the German market

(a) The brochure "Die deutschen Zollvorschriften" (German Customs Regulations) published in 1967 was updated and reprinted.

Parts I and II of this brochure were already published in the English language. The translation of Part III and a Summary of all three parts into the English, the French and the Spanish languages is in the stage of being prepared. Copies of the new German edition as well as of Parts I and II of the English version have been made available already to numerous national and international trading organizations, including GATT.

(b) As a result of heavy demand, the German version of the brochure "Die Bundesrepublik als Wirtschaftspartner" (The Federal Republic of Germany as Economic Partner) (1969) is already out of print. An up-dated new edition in the German and the English languages is in the stage of being prepared.

(c) The brochure "Importbewusste Bundesrepublik Deutschland" (Import-mindedness of the Federal Republic of Germany) published in 1971 which obtained the special attention of the developing countries because of the interest shown by the Federal Republic in imports is also out of print today. A new edition of this brochure will be published in the course of this year.

(d) In 1970 the Bundesanstalt für Aussenhandelsinformation (BfA) (Federal Office for Foreign Trade Information) took up its activities as official German liaison office also with the UNCTAD Information Service.

(e) BfA further activated its functions as official German liaison office with the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/GATT e.g. by co-ordinating the possibilities existing on the German side with various projects of the Centre in the field of market information and advice for trade promotion. Current co-operation of BfA with ITC has been continued and intensified. In the field of training alone, a total of thirty-eight groups of participants from ITC courses coming from Congo-Brazzaville, Congo-Kinshasa, Mali, Tunisia, Syria, Uganda, Nigeria, Tanzania, Zambia, Morocco, Senegal, Cameroon, Madagascar, Venezuela, Guatemala, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Panama - received advice with respect to their studies in Germany in the period under review; the corresponding programmes were prepared here and contacts were established with the German economy.

(f) A great number of enquiries from developing countries concerning sales outlets in Germany including enquiries for technological "know how" and similar enquiries forwarded to BfA by UNIDO have been replied to.

(g) Public relations activities on behalf of UNIDO by furnishing information on UNIDO's activities and by the dissemination of information material of this Organization at BfA information stands at international fairs in Germany.

- (h) First discussions were taken up with a view to the systematic supply of UNIDO with information on all fields of industrial legislation in developing countries.
- (i) Advice to exhibitors and visitors from developing countries by BfA information stands at foreign and domestic fairs.
- (j) Advice to trade missions from developing countries in the field of foreign trade and sales promotion in Germany.
- (k) Advanced training to export specialists from developing countries in the field of foreign trade information.
- (l) Establishment of contact with the "Centre for the Promotion of Imports from Developing Countries", Rotterdam, and agreement on co-operation with this Centre in the sector of export promotion of the developing countries.

Information to the German economy on the export possibilities of the developing countries

- (a) The provision of information to the German economy on the supply possibilities of the developing countries has inter alia, been continued by the preparation of a summary of a series of articles published in the brochure "Nachrichten für Aussenhandel" (NfA) (Foreign Trade News) and in the brochure "Liefermöglichkeiten der Entwicklungsländer" (Supply possibilities of developing countries). This publication deals with the supply potential of almost fifty developing countries. Since it serves also the promotion of trade between developing countries, it was also made available to numerous international and national organizations dealing with export promotion.
- (b) The offers of goods from developing countries published free of charge in column E of the NfA Supplement "Auslandsanfragen" (Enquiries from Abroad) were particularly great in number last year. The active provision of information on investment possibilities and projects in developing countries has been continued and intensified, inter alia by the creation of a new series of publications under the title "BfA-Rechtsinformation" (BfA Legal Information).
- (c) In the series "Tendenzen der internationalen Wirtschaft" (Tendencies in the International Economy), the brochure "Die wirtschaftliche Bedeutung internationaler Organisationen" (The economic importance of international organizations) was completed and published.
- (d) An updated new edition of the "List of Attorneys and Patent Solicitors Abroad" was published.
- (e) The series of publications on foreign customs regulations was extended.