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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 Ireland and Pakistan in connexion with the implementation of Part IV.

IRELAND

Since the last notification was submitted in September 1971 the Government of Ireland has taken the following action in the implementation of Part IV of the General Agreement:

1. General

In accordance with the arrangements made under Article VI of the Anglo-Irish Free-Trade Area Agreement, Ireland continued to expand the quotas which remained in operation after 1 July 1966 on goods of United Kingdom origin. The expansion continues to be effected on a global basis.

Ireland maintains a liberal import policy in respect of the developing countries. Apart from the quotas in force for a limited range of products, liberal licensing on a non-discriminatory basis in excess of the amounts prescribed by the quotas is undertaken to provide for special requirements or short-falls in domestic production.

2. Group of Three Report (L/3710)

- (i) Ireland, which participated as a donor country in the consultations leading to the establishment, under UNCTAD auspices, of the generalized scheme of tariff preferences for developing countries, has finalized its offer of tariff preferences and has implemented it with effect from 1 January 1972.
- (ii) Ireland supports the activity of the Working Party established to study the problems of trade in textiles and an expert has been nominated to maintain liaison with the secretariat during the course of the study.

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3. No increases were made in customs duties on goods of interest to developing countries nor were any new quantitative restrictions imposed.

4. No steps have been taken towards the reduction or removal of restrictions which have not been covered by the Group of Three Report.

PAKISTAN

Reference is made to the last notification of 14 October 1971, wherein it had been stated that in the recent round of trade negotiations among developing countries held under the auspices of the GATT, Pakistan had concluded a number of agreements with the other developing countries in which tariff concessions had been exchanged on a number of products of interest to each other on the basis of mutual benefit.

2. These agreements form part of the Protocol Relating to Trade Negotiations Among Developing Countries which was drawn up at Geneva on 8 December 1971. The Protocol was accepted subject to ratification by the Government of Pakistan on 25 February 1972. The Instrument of Ratification was deposited with the GATT secretariat on 5 October 1972. The Protocol has thus been accepted fully by Pakistan.

3. Pakistan continues to make efforts to expand its trade with the other RCD countries (Iran and Turkey). In this connexion, certain measures have been taken since the beginning of the current year to further facilitate the flow of trade with them.

4. Pakistan also continues to make every endeavour to develop its trade with other developing countries as indicated in various previous notifications on the implementation of Part IV of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.