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Addendum

The following communication has been received from the delegation of Belgium in connexion with the implementation of Part IV.

BELGIUM

In response to point G of the Annex to Airgram GATT/AIR/1393, my authorities have requested me to communicate to you a list of the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/GATT programmes in which the Belgian Foreign Trade Board has collaborated in 1976, together with the text of the statement made on this subject by the delegate of the Board at the tenth session of the Joint Advisory Group on the ITC, held at Geneva from 18 to 21 January 1977.

ANNEX I

Programmes Organized in 1976 by the "International Organizations
Service of the Belgian Foreign Trade Board at the Request of the
International Trade Centre

Date of mission	Name and title	Subject
23 February 1976- 12 March 1976	Mr. Khanna and Mr. Manu Parekh (TDA/India) Mr. Ancel - Market Analyst (ITC)	Market study on agricultural foodstuffs and furniture articles
22-23 March 1976	8 participants from African developing countries	Training course on organization and functioning of documentation and trade information services
4-10 April 1976	Mr. Ketoure (CICE/Ivory Coast), Mr. Albaladejo, Market Analyst (ITC)	Marketing study on wooden furniture
3-6 May 1976	Mr. Walters, Expert (ITC)	Updating and revision of a market study on manioc, primary product used in the preparation of animal feed
8-10 June 1976	Mr. Dunning, ITC Consultant	Market study on spices
8 September 1976	18 participants from various developing countries	Seminar on organization and direction of national trade promotion services

ANNEX II

Statement by the Belgian Delegation at the Tenth Session of the
Joint Advisory Group on the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/GATT

Geneva, 18 January 1977

Mr. Chairman,

In the name of the Belgian delegation, I am happy to inform you that as in earlier years, my country will continue to support the ITC's activities.

In particular, this support will be reflected in the inclusion in the 1977 budget of an amount of BF 15 million (i.e. approximately US\$400,000) which, subject to Parliamentary approval in Belgium, will constitute an increase by more than 100 per cent as compared with our voluntary contribution for the preceding year.

This contribution will serve to finance specific ITC activities, including further preparations for establishing in Brussels an agency of the Foreign Trade Centre of Zaire, organization of a seminar on export promotion, preparation of market studies and, possibly and if feasible, the furnishing of experts to the Centre for specific missions connected with ITC objectives.

As regards my country's contribution in kind, Belgium will carry on its past efforts; in this context, the Belgium Foreign Trade Board, which is the liaison agency between Belgium and the ITC, gave support to two Centre activities in 1976, namely:

- collaboration in market studies carried out by delegates of the Centre, accompanied on most occasions by delegates from the developing countries concerned.

In 1976 the Board co-operated in ITC studies in the following fields:

- agricultural foodstuffs and furniture articles (India)
- marketing of wooden furniture (Ivory Coast)
- fish preserves (Ecuador)
- leather footwear and carpets (Tunisia)
- parquet and plywood (Uruguay)
- manioc used in the preparation of animal feed
- spices

- collaboration in the organization of training courses in the context of programmes set up by the Centre.

In 1976, the Belgian Foreign Trade Board co-operated in organizing two further training courses, one on the organization and functioning of documentation and trade information services, the other on the organization and direction of national trade promotion services.

Lastly, our "imports" service has continued to give assistance to exporters from developing countries by providing information that can help them in their future activities.

We are convinced, Mr. Chairman, that the excellent collaboration that has always existed between Belgium and the ITC will continue in 1977 as was the case in 1976 and during earlier years.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.

