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REVIEW OF THE OPERATION OF THE ENABLING CLAUSE IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 9 THEREOF

Comments and Information by Governments

Submission by Canada

In response to GATT/AIR/1930 of 14 July 1983 requesting comments and information on the operation of the Enabling Clause as provided for in paragraph 9, and in the context of the first stage of the review called for by the Ministers (paragraph 2 of the Annex to the Ministerial Declaration), the attached information has been transmitted to the secretariat by Canada.

Canada has found that the Enabling Clause contains a positive and flexible set of general guidelines which provide useful reference when reviewing trade measures which affect Canada's trade with developing countries. Canada has not experienced any specific difficulties with the operation of the Enabling Clause. Canada is always prepared to discuss related issues with developing countries as provided for in the Enabling Clause.