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NOTIFICATION BY CHILE

In response to GATT/AIR/1650 of 1 August 1980, the following communication, dated 20 October 1980, has been received from the Permanent Delegation of Chile.

The delegation of Chile wishes to express its concern in connexion with bills H.R.3 and S.799, placed before the House of Representatives and the Senate, respectively, under the title: 1979 Equalization Act for Copper and the Environment. Under the aforesaid bills, imported copper would be subject to a charge equal to the cost advantage accruing to foreign producers not subject to rules of environmental contamination control such as those existing in the United States. The Government of Chile takes the view that such a measure would be protectionist, since it would affect the comparative advantages of countries and their right to make adequate use of their natural resources. The Permanent Delegation of Chile would therefore be grateful for notification of the aforesaid measure to the Sub-Committee on Protective Measures, for examination and evaluation.