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NOTIFICATION BY INDONESIA

The following communication has been received from the Permanent Mission of Indonesia.

With reference to the Decision of the Contracting Parties dated 28 November 1979 (L/4899), concerning the establishment of the Sub-Committee on Protective Measures to examine any case of future protective action by developed countries against imports from developing countries in the light of the relevant GATT provisions particularly Part IV thereof, and the Sub-Committee's agreed procedures (COM.TD/104, paragraph 20), I am pleased to submit herewith a "reverse" notification concerning an import restriction imposed by the European Economic Community on manioc from Indonesia.

Indonesia has been obliged to agree to a temporary unbinding by the EEC of the GATT duty on imports of manioc (07.06) above a certain quantity, that has enabled the EEC to greatly increase charges on such imports to virtually prohibitive levels. In addition to the measure on manioc, the EEC has unilaterally increased the rate of levy on imports of rice bran (CCCN 23.02) from 10 per cent of the levy charged on certain cereals (common wheat, barley and maize) to 12 per cent in 1982/83 and 16 per cent in 1983/84, without notifying such action to the CONTRACTING PARTIES in accordance with GATT obligations. These kinds of measures inhibit our trade and limit the opportunities open to us to expand our exports to the Community of these items, the production of which is of vital importance to the economic and social development efforts of a large part of the rural population in Indonesia.