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### Application by Italy, to third countries, of the duty reductions applied by Member States on 1 January 1959

Referring to the decision of the Council of the European Economic Community on 3 December 1958, as quoted in document L/954, the Executive Secretary has received a communication from the Government of Italy, dated 4 February 1960, advising that:

1. The decision by the Council of Ministers of the EEC has received partial application in Italy under Presidential Decree No. 1102 of 29 December 1958, which concerns Chapters 1 to 33 inclusive of the Italian customs tariff, in relation to the work towards the establishment of the common external tariff of the EEC.
2. As regards the need to implement fully the above-mentioned decision, provisions supplementing the 10 per cent reduction in respect of the outstanding chapters in the Italian customs tariff (Chapters 39-99 inclusive) have been prepared and submitted to the Parliamentary Commission at its meeting of 15 December 1959. The above-mentioned provisions are being recorded and will be published as soon as possible. They will enter into force on the date of publications in the 'Gazzetta Ufficiale'.
3. One of the reasons for the delay in the accomplishment of this procedure is that the authority for the Italian Government to suspend or reduce customs duties in agreement with the ad hoc Parliamentary Commission expired on 31 December 1958. The authority has been extended by Law No. 698 of 24 July 1959 (published in the "Gazzetta Ufficiale" of 7 September 1959).
4. It is understood that the above-mentioned provisions will not be applicable to items in list G, on which negotiations between the Six members of the EEC are nearing completion or to some other products which raise technical customs problems now being examined by the Finance Ministry.