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At the request of the Secretary-General of the International Chamber of Commerce the following statement, adopted by the Council of the ICC on 3 December 1969 is distributed for the information of contracting parties.

Since June 1969, when the ICC adopted at its Istanbul Congress recommendations on the elimination of tariff and non-tariff obstacles to international trade, certain governments have taken or are contemplating measures, creating new hindrances to international trade, particularly in agricultural products.

Such restrictive measures could gravely affect not only the exporters of temperate-zone agricultural products, but also the exporters in developing countries who produce competing products.

For these reasons, without going into the technical consideration of the problems raised and without prejudice to intergovernmental discussions on ways of achieving greater market stability for temperate-zone agricultural products, the ICC urges the governments concerned to undertake consultations, as a matter of urgency, in the framework of the competent international organizations, so as to avoid, on the one hand, adoption of new measures which would aggravate the situation on the markets of certain agricultural products, and on the other hand, adoption of retaliatory measures of a more general nature.