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ARTICLE XIX - ACTION BY THE UNITED STATES

Sheet Glass

The Mission of the United States has transmitted to the secretariat the following text of a White House press release, dated 29 December 1969, concerning an extension of the Article XIX action with respect to certain kinds of sheet glass (cf. documents L/1509 and addenda, L/2743 and L/2953).

The President has signed a proclamation extending the higher duties which have been in effect on imports of flat glass.

On 1 December 1969 he received the advice of the Tariff Commission as to the probable economic effect of liberalizing or terminating these increased rates of duty. On the basis of this advice it has been determined to be in the national interest that these higher duties be continued in effect for an additional ninety days.

By the end of the ninety-day period the President will have had the opportunity to consider further the Tariff Commission Report together with another report due shortly from the Tariff Commission¹ covering a new escape clause investigation of a wider spectrum of glass industry products, initiated at the request of the industry last summer.

¹See document L/3317.