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ARTICLE XIX - ACTION BY THE UNITED STATES

Pianos

Addendum

The following joint communication, dated 21 May 1970, has been received from the delegations of the United States and Japan.

GATT document L/3371 dated 11 March 1970 contains a notification from the Government of the United States concerning action under GATT Article XIX with respect to imports of pianos covered by United States tariff item 725.02. The action taken re-established the rate of duty prevailing in 1969 and temporarily suspends the staging of Kennedy Round concessions at the second step of implementation.

The Government of Japan notified the Permanent Delegation of the United States on 24 March 1970 that it wished to enter into consultations with the United States pursuant to Article XIX and the Permanent Delegation of the United States agreed to do so.

These consultations, however, will not be concluded prior to the expiration of the ninety-day period provided in Article XIX:3 for such consultations. Therefore, the Governments of the United States and Japan have agreed that their reciprocal rights and obligations under the General Agreement shall be maintained as though the ninety-day period set forth in Article XIX:3 shall begin to run as from the date of the completion of these consultations.

The two delegations request that copies of this letter be circulated to the contracting parties.

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