

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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## ARTICLE XIII ACTION BY THE UNITED STATES

### Restoration of Concession on Pianos

The following communication, dated 26 February 1974, has been received from the permanent mission of the United States.

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I have been asked to inform you that on 25 February Ambassador Eberle announced that the President has decided to take no action on the 21 January 1974 Report of the Tariff Commission on pianos (other than grand pianos) thus allowing the escape clause tariff increase to terminate as of 20 February 1974. The third-stage Kennedy Round rate of 11.5 per cent became effective 21 February 1974. The fourth-stage rate of 10 per cent will become effective 1 January 1975 and the final stage rate of 8.5 per cent will become effective 1 January 1976.

The original announcement of United States escape clause action on pianos was circulated to contracting parties in Document L/3371 dated 11 March 1970.