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Questions and Replies

The contracting parties were invited (document C/M/108 and GATT/AIR/1217) to communicate to the secretariat any questions they might wish to put concerning the Additional Protocol to the Association Agreement between the European Economic Community and Greece consequent on the Accession of new member States to the Community.¹ In response to this request, a number of questions were received and were transmitted to the parties to the Association Agreement. The questions and the parties' replies are attached.

¹Copies of the text of the Additional Protocol were sent to each contracting party with document L/4206.

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Preliminary remark¹: The articles and annex referred to in questions 2 and 3 below are those in the Interim Agreement and not those in the Additional Protocol.

1. Will the added competition from the EC new member States in the Greek market cause the Government of Greece to take additional safeguard measures to protect existing industries or to otherwise slow the planned process of economic integration with the EC?

Reply

Greece has not up to the present moment made use of the provisions enabling adoption of safeguard measures. Having faced the competition created by Community products on its internal market without difficulty, recourse by Greece to such measures before 31 December 1977 does not seem very probable.

2. What customs duties have both a fiscal and protective element? (Article III)?

Reply

In its application of Article 17 of the Athens Agreement Greece has not levied customs duties comprising both a fiscal and a protective element.

3. What is the basis for selection of the products contained in the Annex and referred to in Article IV?

Reply

This article is only a consequence of Protocols 6 and 7 of the Act relating to the accession of Ireland, Denmark and the United Kingdom. Moreover, Protocol 6 having expired on 1 July 1975, Article 4 of the Interim Agreement only relates to the products (cars and vehicles) subject to Protocol 7.

¹By the parties