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GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY AND SPAIN

Information furnished by the parties to the Agreement

1. This report covers the period from 28 May 1974 to 31 March 1976.

In addition, the parties to the Agreement have indicated their intention of initiating negotiations shortly with a view to an adaptation of the Agreement.

2. Substantially all the industrial products originating in Spain and entering the Community are free of quantitative restriction. In respect of nearly all its imports of industrial products from Spain, the Community applies a tariff reduction of 60 per cent.

Most of the Spanish agricultural products listed in Annex I to the Agreement enjoy a tariff reduction upon import into the Community, varying according to the product between a 25 per cent reduction and duty-free admission.

3. Since 1 January 1976 Spain, for its part, has been applying tariff reductions of between 20 per cent and 50 per cent in respect of substantially all its imports originating in the Community.

For products under quantitative restriction, Spain opens annual quotas vis-à-vis the Community. The aggregate amount of these is increased by 13 per cent each year, and each individual quota by not less than 7 per cent in relation to the preceding year.

On certain agricultural products listed in Annex II to the Agreement, Spain grants to the Community tariff reductions of between 20 per cent and 50 per cent; for certain other products it has undertaken to purchase in the Community, on normal market terms, a part of its total annual imports.

4. As may be seen from the statistics in the table annexed hereto showing the evolution of the foreign trade of Spain in recent years, during the application of the Agreement (1975 as compared with 1973) Spain's aggregate trade with the Community has increased by 33.9 per cent, as against 73.3 per cent with the rest of the world.

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TOTAL TRADE OF SPAIN[1/]

(in million pesetas)

	1973	1974	1975	Percentage increase 1975/73
Total	864,213	1,296,660	1,373,077	58.9
Community	316,434	418,691	423,720	33.9
Rest of world	547,779	877,969	949,357	73.3

Sources: Spanish statistics

1/ Imports and exports