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Communication from the Central African Republic

The following communication has been received from the Government of the Central African Republic:

The Government of the Central African Republic has the honour to forward herewith a communication addressed to governments with which the Central African Republic wishes to have exchanges of views during the forthcoming ad hoc consultations which are to begin on 18 October 1984 within the framework of the Sub-Committee on Trade of Least-Developed Countries. As indicated in that communication, additional information that may be needed can be furnished during the consultations.

The following list of products of export interest to the Central African Republic has been addressed in advance to the developed importing countries concerned so that they can give appropriate replies during the consultations, in particular by examining specific measures that could be taken in order to improve access to markets.

AUSTRALIA

0901200 - Raw coffee

MFN: \$A 0.07 per kg.

GSP : -

Request: Inclusion of the product in GSP

0901900 - Coffee, other than raw MFN: \$A 0.07 per kg.

GSP : -

Request: Inclusion of the product in GSP

1207910 - Other plants and parts of plants used in perfumery, pharmacy, etc.,

in packets of less than 1 kg.

MFN: 5 per cent

GSP : -

Request: Inclusion of these products in GSP

2401900 - Other unmanufactured tobacco

MFN: \$A 1.99 per kg. GSP: 1.76 per kg.

Request: Lowering of GSP duty on these products

4405900 - Other sawn wood

MFN: 5 per cent

GSP: 5 per cent less \$A 0.43 per m³

NTM : Sanitary regulations

Request: Lowering of GSP duty on these products

4414900 - Other wood sawn lengthwise

MFN: 5 per cent

GSP : -

NTM : Sanitary regulations

Request: Inclusion of these products in GSP

7112900 - Other articles of jewellery

MFN: 27.5 per cent GSP: 15 per cent

Request: Lowering of GSP duty on these products

AUSTRIA

0406 - Natural honey

MFN : S 4.50 per kg.

GSP: -

Request: Duty-free admission for imports of this product from least-

developed countries

0904 A2B - Pepper of the genus piper, ground or crushed, in packages of

more than 1 kg.

MFN: 35 per cent

GSP: 14 per cent LLDC: 9 per cent

Request: Duty-free admission for imports of this product from least-

developed countries

0904 C2B - Jamaica and other pimentos of the genus Pimenta, ground or

crushed, in packages of more than 1 kg

MFN: 27 per cent GSP: 11 per cent LLDC: 4 per cent

Request: Duty-free admission for imports of this product from least-

developed countries

2401 A - Leaf tobacco

MFN : S 7.50 per kg.

GSP : -

Request: Duty-free admission for imports of this product from least-

2402 A - Cigars

MFN: S 2.33 per kg.

GSP : -

Request : Duty-free admission for imports of this product from least-

developed countries

CANADA

14203 - 1 - Unmanufactured tobacco (not Turkish type), unstemmed, for

excise purposes

MFN : 20.0 cents per lb.

GSP : -

Request : Duty-free admission for imports of this product from least-

developed countries

14204 - 1 - Unmanufactured tobacco (not Turkish type), stemmed, for

excise purposes

MFN : 30.0 cents per lb.

GSP : -

Request : Duty-free admission for imports of this product from least-

developed countries

EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY

0901 - Coffee

NTM : Selective internal taxes in certain countries (Denmark,

Federal Republic of Germany, Italy)

1801 - Cocoa beans

NTM : Selective internal taxes in certain countries (France, Italy)

2402 - Manufactured tobacco

NTM : State-trading (France, Italy)

Discretionary licensing (Ireland)

4405 - Sawn wood, non-coniferous

NTM : Automatic licensing (Federal Republic of Germany)

FINLAND

0406 - Natural honey

NTM : Discretionary licensing

Request : Elimination of this non-tariff measure

0901200 - Roasted coffee

MFN : 16 per cent

GSP : -

Request : Duty-free admission for imports of this product from least-

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1201100 - Groundnuts, in shell

MFN : 10 per cent

GSP : -

Request : Duty-free admission for imports of this product from least-

developed countries

1201400 - <u>Cottonseed</u>

MFN: 19 per cent

GSP : -

Request : Duty-free admission for imports of this product from least-

developed countries

2402110 - Cigars, weighing more than 3 grammes each

MFN : FIM 24.56 per kg.

GSP : -

Request : Duty-free admission for imports of this product from least-

developed countries

<u>JAPAN</u>

0901 - Coffee

NTM : Selective internal tax

Request : Elimination of tax on coffee

1515200 - Beeswax

MFN : 15 per cent GSP : 7.5 per cent

Request : Duty-free admission for imports of this product from least-

developed countries

4415 - Plywood

MFN: 15-20 per cent

GSP : -

Request : Duty-free admission for imports of these products from least-

developed countries

NORWAY

0406 - Natural honey

MFN : NOK 2.40 per kg.

GSP : -LLDC : Free

NTM : Discriminatory licensing

Request : Elimination of this non-tariff measure

NEW ZEALAND

0901009 - Roasted coffee

MFN : 25 per cent

GSP : 10 per cent

NTM : Global quota, discriminatory licensing

Request : Lowering of GSP rate applicable to this product

4414000 - Wood sawn lengthwise, of not more than 5 mm, in thickness

MFN : 30 per cent GSP : 20 per cent NTM : Global quota

Request : Lowering of GSP rate applicable to these products

4427000 - Other articles of wood

MFN : 30 per cent GSP : 15 per cent NTM : Global quota

Request : Lowering of GSP rate applicable to these products

7102009 - Diamonds, other than industrial diamonds

MFN : 10 per cent GSP : 5 per cent

Request : Zero GSP rate for these products

7112009 - Other articles of jewellery

MFN : 47.9 per cent GSP : 37.5 per cent NTM : Global quota

Request : Lowering of GSP rate applicable to these products

SWEDEN

1201100 - Groundnuts in shell

MFN : Import Levy

Request : Elimination of levy for imports of these products from least-

developed countries

1201909 - Other oilseeds and oleaginous fruit

MFN : Import Levy

Request : Elimination of levy for imports of these products from least-

developed countries

SWITZERLAND

040601 - Natural honey

MFN : Sw F 60 per 100 kg gross GSP : Sw F 55 per 100 kg gross Request : Duty-free admission Page 6

080540 - Other nuts, except pistachio nuts

MFN : Sw F 14 per 100 kg gross

GSP : -

Request : Duty-free admission for imports of these products from least-

developed countries

090110 - Raw coffee

MFN : Sw F 50 per 100 kg-gross

GSP : -

NTM : Automatic licensing

Request : Duty-free admission for imports of this product from least-

developed countries

090114 - Coffee, other than raw or decaffeinated

MFN: Sw F 90 per 100 kg.gross GSP: Sw F 63 per 100 kg.gross

NTM : Automatic licensing

Request : Duty-free admission for imports of this product from least-

developed countries

240160 - Manufactured tobacco, tobacco refuse, for other purposes

MFN : Sw F 100 per kg. gross

GSP : -

Request : Duty-free admission for imports of these products from Least-

developed countries

240220 - Cigars

MFN : Sw F 1,700 per 100 kg. gross + revenue duty

GSP : -

Request : Duty-free admission for imports of these products from least-

developed countries

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

14558 - Nuts, edible, other, shelled

MFN : 5 cents per lb.

GSP : -

Request : Duty-free admission for imports of this product from least-

developed countries

17020 - Tobacco containing more than 35 per cent of wrapper tobacco,

not stemmed

MFN : 36 cents per lb.

GSP : -

Request : Duty-free admission for imports of these products from least-

17040 - Other tobacco (including leaf tobacco for cigarettes), not

stemmed

MFN : 16.1 cents per lb.

GSP : -

Request : Duty-free admission for imports of these products from least-

developed countries

17045 - Other tobacco, including cigar leaf, stemmed

MFN : 20 cents per lb.

GSP : -

Request : Duty-free admission

17060 - Tobacco refuse
MFN : 16.1 cents per lb.

GSP : -

Request : Duty-free admission for imports of these products from least-

developed countries

17068 - Cigars valued at 15 cents but less than 23 cents each

MFN : 57 cents per lb. and 3 per cent

GSP : -

Request : Duty-free admission for imports of these products from least-

developed countries

24025 - Plywood, other, not face-finished

MFN : 8 per cent

GSP : -

Request : Duty-free admission for imports of these products from least-

developed countries

30020 - Raw cotton

MFN : 0.7 cents per lb.

GSP : -

NTM : Global quota

Request : Duty-free admission for imports of this product from least-