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Communication from Austria on behalf of the EFTA countries and Poland

The following communication, dated 26 October 1993, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Austria on behalf of the EFTA countries and Poland.

On behalf of the Governments of the EFTA States (Austria, Finland, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Sweden and Switzerland) and of Poland, and with reference to Article XXIV:7(a) of the General Agreement, I enclose the text of the Free Trade Agreement between the EFTA States and Poland with its Annexes, Lists and Protocols which form an integral part thereof. The bilateral arrangements on trade in agriculture products between each EFTA State and Poland, which have been concluded within the framework of the Free Trade Agreement, are also transmitted.¹

The Agreement was signed on 10 December 1992, and it is applied, together with the above mentioned bilateral arrangements, by all Signatory States as from 15 November 1993 on the basis of an exchange of notes pending the ratification by all Signatory States.

The objective of the Agreement, in accordance with Article XXIV, is to abolish tariffs and other restrictions for industrial products, fish and other marine products and processed agricultural products between the EFTA States and Poland. Within the framework of this Agreement, the above mentioned bilateral arrangements provide for measures to facilitate trade in agricultural products.

¹The text of the Agreement is being circulated as L/7372/Add.1. The Annexes, Lists and Protocols thereto, as well as the bilateral arrangements, have been submitted to the Secretariat for consultation by interested contracting parties (Office 3006).