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Information submitted by the ASEAN Contracting Parties

The following communication, dated 17 June 1994, concerning information on trade cooperation among ASEAN member States, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Thailand for the information of the contracting parties.

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Pursuant to the information concerning trade cooperation among ASEAN member States, submitted by the ASEAN contracting parties through GATT document L/7307/Rev.1 dated 18 November 1993, on behalf of the same contracting parties, I would like to request that the attached AFTA Reader<sup>1</sup>, Volume I, be transmitted to the contracting parties for their information.

The first volume of the AFTA Reader contains pertinent information on the Common Effective Preferential Tariff (CEPT) Scheme for the ASEAN Free-Trade Area (AFTA) and the Products and Programmes of Tariff Reduction under the CEPT Scheme. It also contains texts of the CEPT Agreement, the Interpretative Notes, the Operational Procedures and the Rules of Origin.

A second volume of the AFTA Reader containing information on Products and Programmes of Tariff Reduction under the CEPT Scheme will be transmitted to contracting parties as soon as it becomes available. In the meantime, a set of computer diskettes containing this information is being provided herewith to the Secretariat to be made available to interested contracting parties.<sup>2</sup>

In pursuance of the Decision of the CONTRACTING PARTIES of 28 November 1979, this information is brought to the attention of the Committee on Trade and Development, as it is entrusted with the responsibility of reviewing the implementation of the Enabling Clause.

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<sup>1</sup>English only.

<sup>2</sup>The diskettes are available for consultation by delegations in the Secretariat (Room 2010).