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The following statement which was made by the representative of Czechoslovakia at the meeting of the Trade Negotiations Committee on 10 April 1964 is circulated for the information of the Committee:

"I think that it might be appropriate for me to inform the members of the Committee about our intentions, at least in a preliminary way. May I be allowed to quote in this respect our representative to the meeting of Ministers in May 1963: 'Czechoslovakia will be ready to participate in the tariff cuts to be agreed in the negotiations and to make them instrumental in conditions of the trading system'. That means that we are prepared to reduce our tariffs by 50 per cent, if this cut is generally agreed upon, and we shall also adhere to the rules that there should be a minimum of exceptions, which shall be subject to confrontation and justification. We also agree to submit our list of exceptions, if any, by 10 September of this year.

"In addition to this and to implement our statement that we want to make these concessions in the tariff field instrumental in conditions of our trading system, we are preparing a supplementary offer, which will complete this tariff cut by specific measures in the field of planning and which we intend to submit to the Committee in due time and, in any event, not later than 10 September of this year. These measures will also take into account the creation of greater market opportunities for products of developing countries."