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THE PROBLEM FOR COUNTRIES WITH A SPECIAL ECONOMIC OR TRADE STRUCTURE

Communication from Portugal

The secretariat has received the following communication from the permanent representative of Portugal:

"With reference to the matters now under consideration in the Trade Negotiations Committee and its subsidiary bodies, I have the honour to advise you that the Portuguese Government will do all in its power to contribute to the success of the Kennedy Round negotiations in which it intends to take part.

"Certain aspects of Portugal's economic structure as a whole, however, and in particular the fact that exports, a substantial part of which are agricultural and fishery products, are concentrated on a few products and export markets, as well as the requirements of the current development process, for which special treatment was provided in the Stockholm Convention, give rise to complex problems in relation to the conditions for Portugal's participation and the nature of its contribution to the negotiations.

"In these circumstances, I have the honour to advise you that the Portuguese Government reserves the right to present, as soon as possible after the establishment of the general negotiating rules, proposals concerning the conditions in which it would consider its participation in the Kennedy Round to be equitable."