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PARTICIPATION IN THE KENNEDY ROUND

Notification by Turkey

The following communication has been received from the delegation of Turkey.

With reference to our statement in the Trade Negotiations Committee on 18 March 1965, concerning Turkey's participation in the Kennedy Round¹, we have the honour to inform you that the Turkish Government, after having examined the various elements involved in this complex question and particularly taken account of its association with the European Economic Community and its economic structure as well as its stage of industrial development has decided to propose the following.

As a result of its association with the European Economic Community, Turkey will under the Ankara Agreement have to align its national tariff with the common customs tariff of the Community according to the modalities set forth in that Agreement.

The linear reductions effected by the Community in its tariffs as a result of Kennedy Round trade negotiations will have great bearing on the Turkish economy in the very near future, because of the fact that Turkey will have to make larger duty reductions at each stage of alignment towards the common customs tariff of the Community, since the Turkish tariff is generally higher than the latter.

The alignment of the Turkish tariff with the lower tariff of the Community therefore constitutes a positive and effective offer of Turkey in the Kennedy Round negotiations.

By virtue of its participation in the Kennedy Round trade negotiations in the above-mentioned sense and under the said conditions Turkey expects to derive benefits from the reciprocal advantages resulting from the negotiations as well as from any special advantages which may be accorded to developing countries or countries with a special economic or trade structure, in view of the fact that Turkey is a developing country, and heavily relies on exports of a limited range of agricultural commodities.

¹TN.64/SR.10, page 10.