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QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS

Addendum

1. At its meeting of October/November 1975, the Sub-Group "Quantitative Restrictions" agreed that delegations should endeavour, in advance of the next meeting, to send to the secretariat summary notes with respect to the consultations in which they had participated as exporting or importing countries. The Sub-Group also agreed that the secretariat would assemble and distribute these summaries for the further work of the Sub-Group (MTN/NTM/9, paragraph 9).
2. The following communication has been received from the delegation of Romania (Annex) concerning consultations held with the United States, European Communities and the member States, Austria, Japan and Canada.
3. Delegations which have not yet submitted summary notes are invited to do so without delay.

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ANNEX

Report by Romania on the Consultations

1. Romania has addressed notifications concerning quantitative restrictions applied to imports originating in Romania to the following countries: Austria, Canada, Switzerland, United States of America, France, Italy, Federal Republic of Germany and United Kingdom.

In that first notification, Romania referred essentially to the general quantitative restrictions applied by these various countries to industrial products imported from Romania, while reserving its right to communicate additional notifications concerning quantitative restrictions applied to imports of other Romanian products.

2. So far Romania has had consultations with representatives of the United States, the European Communities and member countries, Austria, Japan and Canada.

3. In conformity with the decisions of the Sub-Group "Quantitative Restrictions", Romania's object was to obtain from its partners clarifications concerning the reasons for the introduction of the restrictions, concerning the nature of these restrictions, in order to determine whether they are applied on the basis of the provisions of the General Agreement, and concerning the prospects for their elimination.

4. Romania considers that these consultations have been useful in that they enabled the partners to be informed of Romania's interests as regards the industrial products subject to quantitative restrictions and also their effect on exports from Romania.

The consultations have enabled Romania to obtain clarifications concerning some of the products referred to in the notifications, concerning the modalities of administration and application of the restrictions, the reasons for their introduction, their statutory basis, and the changes which have taken place in the application of some of these restrictions in the sense of their relaxation.

Heading Nos. 84.04 and 84.52 (Japan), 37.06 (Austria, France, Italy, United Kingdom), 69.13c and 85.25 (Federal Republic of Germany) and 27.10 (Canada) should be deemed to be withdrawn from the notification communicated by Romania.

At this stage the specific modalities for eliminating the restrictions have not yet been determined.

5. Romania realizes accordingly that these consultations represent a first stage, preceding the multilateral negotiations concerning quantitative restrictions applied to imports originating in Romania, with a view to working out general solutions for the elimination of these restrictions, with due regard for the specific interests of the developing countries.