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INFORMATION REGARDING LICENSING SYSTEMS

Note by the Secretariat

1. In accordance with the decision of the CONTRACTING PARTIES, at their twenty-eighth session in November 1972, that the data assembled on licensing systems should be kept up to date and that contracting parties should be invited to notify annually, by 30 September, any changes which should be made concerning the information contained in the consolidated document (see SR.28/6) and following the discussions in Group 3(e) in February 1974 (MTN/3E/2, paragraph 7) and in Group 3(b) in March 1974 (MTN/3B/7, paragraphs 9-13 and MTN/3, paragraph 13), the secretariat has now completed the 1976 revision of the documents on licensing systems. This information relating to licensing systems operated by fifty-seven countries or group of countries is contained in the following documents:

- Data on licensing systems (list of countries which have replied to the questionnaire and reference to the relevant addenda for their reply) - COM.IND/W/55/Rev.6 COM.AG/W/72/Rev.6

- Replies to the questionnaire on licensing (by country) - COM.IND/W/55) Addenda COM.AG/W/72) to 58

- Data on licensing systems (tabulation of the replies) - L/4458

2. For reference purpose, document COM.TD/W/203/Rev.1 and Corr.1 (see also document MTN/3B/16) contains comprehensive information regarding import restrictions on products of export interest to developing countries.