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The following communication, dated 23 December 1980, has been received from the EEC.

At its last meeting, on 9 and 10 December 1980, the above-mentioned Technical Sub-Committee agreed inter alia that reports would be presented to the GATT secretariat before the end of 1980, for distribution to Signatories of the Agreement, describing the form in which statistical data could be provided in respect of products listed in the Annex to the Agreement.

As regards the Community the form would be the following:

A. Imports

A special sub-division has been set up in the common customs tariff for each of the products listed in the Annex. Those sub-divisions have been embodied in the NIMEXE (nomenclature of goods for the external trade statistics of the Community and statistics of trade between member States), which constitutes the statistical breakdown of the common customs tariff nomenclature.

Accordingly, and except in cases where the problem of confidentiality might arise, the statistics to be transmitted by the Community will record imports with a breakdown by product and country of origin, in terms of quantity and value.

B. Exports

The Community is endeavouring to establish a system that could provide statistics for each of the products listed in the Annex to the Agreement. Here again, however, the problem of confidentiality can arise. Furthermore, the figures will not have the same degree of accuracy as those collected in respect of imports, because goods exported are not subject to the same rules of verification as those which are imported.