



NIGERIA

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Statement of contribution

Supplementary statement of contribution



THE MISSION OF NIGERIA
TO THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY

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NIGERIA'S OFFER IN THE KENNEDY ROUND

Bearing in mind the accepted principle as enunciated in paragraph 8 of Article XXXVI to the General Agreement that "developed contracting parties do not expect reciprocity for commitments made by them in trade negotiations to reduce or remove tariffs and other trade barriers to the trade of less developed contracting parties",

Mindful of the ministerial resolution of the 21st of May 1963 and especially paragraph 8 of that document,

and

Aware of the recommendations of the UNCTAD, reference Annex AIII 4 and particularly paragraphs 10 and 11,

nonetheless,

If the United Kingdom government should be compelled as a result of these negotiations in the Kennedy Round to eliminate or reduce customs duties on tropical products of interest to Nigeria and in respect of which Nigeria enjoys preference in the United Kingdom market, Nigeria would be prepared as her contribution to the overall effort to liberalize trade, to accept the reduction in the margin of preference.

It should be noted that Nigeria's acceptance of any reduction in the margin of Imperial Preferences which may result from the United Kingdom liberalization of trade in tropical products to developing countries is a real sacrifice especially as the United Kingdom market accounts for a little over one third of the entire exports of Nigeria.

P.M.C. Okigbo
Ambassador

KENNEDY ROUND TRADE NEGOTIATIONS

Supplementary Offer by Nigeria

The Government of Nigeria has requested that the recent reductions of
..... import duties described in the attached communication (L/2721) be regarded
as a contribution to the Kennedy Round trade negotiations.

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GENERAL AGREEMENT ON
TARIFFS AND TRADE

NIGERIA - REDUCTION OF CUSTOMS DUTIES

Communication from the Permanent Mission of Nigeria

The following communication, dated 7 December 1966, has been received from the permanent mission of Nigeria.

1. I have the honour to forward herewith a list showing commodities on which the Government of Nigeria have reduced import duties with effect from 24 November 1966.
2. I shall be grateful if you will convey this information to all contracting parties to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and in particular, to the participants in the Kennedy Round of trade negotiations. I wish to draw attention to the fact that this unilateral action on the part of my Government has been taken in pursuance of my Government's belief in the liberalization of world trade. For a country which depends to a considerable extent on receipts from customs duties as a major source of revenue, this decision of my Government represents a major contribution to the Kennedy Round of trade negotiations.

REDUCTIONS IN NIGERIAN CUSTOMS DUTIES
EFFECTIVE 24 NOVEMBER 1966

Commodity	Old rate of duty	New rate of duty
1. (a) Pharmaceuticals and medicaments (b) All drugs imported for use by the Government of the Federation	33 1/3%	20% Duty free
2. Cushion mattresses and pillows	75%	66 2/3%
3. Motor vehicles (a) tyres (b) tubes	3/6d. per lb. 3/6d. per lb.	2/6d. per lb. 2/6d. per lb.
4. Crude sugar imported by a manufacturer approved in that behalf by the Ministry	3 1/2d. per lb.	2d. per lb.
5. Passenger cars (a) over 1,750 c.c. but under 2,150 c.c. (b) over 2,150 c.c. but under 2,750 c.c. (c) over 2,750 c.c.	75% 150% 150%	50% 75% 100%
6. Woven fabrics of cotton and man-made fibres	3/- per sq. yd. or 50% ad valorem	2/9d. per sq. yd. or 40% ad valorem
7. Meat and fish	75%	50%
8. Cameras	100%	75%
9. Wood manufactures	75%	50%
10. Vegetables and fruits	66 2/3%	50%
11. Machinery spare parts	33 1/3%-75%	5%
12. Plastic tiles		66 2/3%
13. Equipment for the use of mosques	33 1/3%	Duty free
14. Steel bars	15%	10%

Note: Further information is expected from Lagos and this will be transmitted to you as soon as possible.

NEGOCIATIONS COMMERCIALES KENNEDY

Offre supplémentaire du Nigeria

Le gouvernement du Nigeria a demandé que les abaissements récents de ses droits d'importation, qui font l'objet de la communication ci-jointe (L/2721), soient considérés comme une contribution aux Négociations commerciales Kennedy.

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ACCORD GENERAL SUR LES TARIFS
DOUANIERS ET LE COMMERCE

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NIGERIA - REDUCTION DES DROITS DE DOUANE

Communication de la Mission permanente du Nigeria

Le Directeur général a reçu de la Mission permanente du Nigeria la communication suivante en date du 7 décembre 1966.

1. J'ai l'honneur de vous adresser ci-joint une liste des produits pour lesquels le gouvernement du Nigeria a réduit ses droits de douane à compter du 24 novembre 1966.

2. Je vous saurais gré de bien vouloir transmettre ces renseignements à toutes les parties contractantes à l'Accord général sur les tarifs douaniers et le commerce, et en particulier aux participants aux Négociations Kennedy. Je voudrais souligner que cette action unilatérale de mon gouvernement procède de sa confiance en la libéralisation du commerce mondial. De la part du gouvernement d'un pays pour lequel les recettes douanières sont une source de revenus majeure et très nécessaire, cette décision constitue une contribution hautement importante à la réalisation des objectifs des Négociations Kennedy.

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DROITS DE DOUANE DU NIGERIA REDUITS
A COMPTER DU 24 NOVEMBRE 1966

Produits	Ancien taux	Nouveaux taux
1. a) Produits pharmaceutiques et médicaments	33 1/3%	20%
b) Tous médicaments importés par les autorités de la Fédération pour l'usage officiel		Exempts
2. Coussins, matelas et oreillers	75%	66 2/3%
3. Véhicules automobiles		
a) pneumatiques	3sh. 6p. par livre	2sh. 6p. par livre
b) chambres à air	3sh. 6p. par livre	2sh. 6p. par livre
4. Sucre non raffiné importé par un fabricant agréé comme tel par le ministère	3 1/2p. par livre	2p. par livre
5. Voitures de tourisme		
a) plus de 1 750 cc et moins de 2 150 cc	75%	50%
b) plus de 2 150 cc et moins de 2 750 cc	150%	75%
c) plus de 2 750 cc	150%	100%
6. Tissus tissés de coton et de fibres chimiques	3sh. par yard carré ou 50% ad valorem	2sh. 9p. par yard carré ou 40% ad valorem
7. Viande et poisson	75%	50%
8. Caméras	100%	75%
9. Ouvrages en bois	75%	50%
10. Légumes et fruits	66 2/3%	50%
11. Pièces détachées pour machines	33 1/3%-75%	5%
12. Tuiles et carreaux en matières plastiques		66 2/3%
13. Equipement pour les mosquées	33 1/3%	Exempt
14. Barres d'acier	15%	10%

Note: De nouvelles informations sont attendues de Lagos et vous seront communiquées le plus tôt possible.