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Initial offer

Statement of contribution

Assessment of negotiating situation

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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.

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Sir,

On instruction of my Government I have the honour to transmit to you copies of initial offer list of Turkey for the Kennedy Round Trade Negotiation supplementing our original offer communicated to you on 13.5.1965 which appeared on GATT.TN.64/65, 1 June 1965.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

Tayyar EMRE



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Geneva, 5 May 1966

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Initial-Supplementary Offer List of TURKEY
for the Kennedy-Round Trade Negotiations.

In connection with the attached initial offer list for the Current Trade Negotiating Conference, Turkey would like to bring the following points to the notice of the participating countries:

1 - It is Turkey's firm contention that the association arrangement with the EEC provides an adequate basis for Turkey's participation in the current trade negotiations. As it has been pointed out in the previous communication (TN.64/65, 1 June 1965); because of its association with the European Economic Community Turkey will have to align, in due course, its national tariff with the common customs tariff of the Community, in conformity with the modalities set forth in the Ankara Agreement. An undertaken by the Community to give effect to linear reduction in its tariffs as a result of the current trade conference will also bind Turkey. The community's action in this direction will have a great bearing on the Turkish economy and trade policy, because of the fact that Turkey will have to make larger duty reductions at each phase of alignment towards the common customs tariff of the Community. The contractual obligation of Turkey to align its relatively high tariff with the eventual lower tariff of the Community, therefore, constitutes a positive and effective contribution to the current trade negotiations.

2 - Turkey is also fully aware of the problem of time lag involved in the process of the tariff alignment. In recognition of this problem, Turkey has endeavored to display some additional effort and make an immediate and direct contribution in this respect. But

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the prolongation of the renegotiation of the Turkish Schedule under article XXVIII and uncertainty caused by delays have set a serious limit to the Turkish effort and made it difficult for Turkey to undertake major step in this direction.

3 - In spite of great difficulties encountered in the process of development of the country's economic resources and structural weakness inherent in the rural character of its economy, Turkey in the previous trade conferences has made its utmost to foster economic stability and trade liberalization by consolidating a greater part of its tariff at a relatively low level. The present (provisional) consolidated list of Turkey comprise over 500 tariff items corresponding to 35 percent of the national tariff. Nearly half of total value of annual imports are subjected to reduced and consolidated rates.

4 - Although Turkey is not yet in a position to fully evaluate the offers so far made and precisely determine the impact on Turkish economy of the exception lists submitted by participating countries, due to the lack of information, nevertheless notes with a great concern that some of industrialized countries have included products of special interest to export of Turkey in their exception lists as may be deduced from limited data available to the Turkish Delegation.

5 - By virtue of its participation and full cooperation in the current trade negotiations Turkey hopes to receive all data made available to other participating countries and 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.

6 - Although Turkey considers the attached list as an initial offer to be extended further, strongly feels, however, that the possibility of further extension will entirely depend on results of renegotiations currently conducted under Article XXVIII.

Tariff Item Number	Description of Products	Present Rate of Duty	Offer
Ex 01.05	Breeding Poultry	30	15
Ex 01.06/b	Other breeding animals	30	15
Ex 04.05	Breeding eggs	30	15
13.02	Shellac, seed lac, stick lac and other lacs; natural gums, resins, gum-resins and balsams.		
Ex /b	Others used in medicin	50	25
Ex 13.03	Vegetable saps and extracts; pectin; agar agar and other mucilages and thickeners extracted from vegetable materials used in pharmaceutical industry	100	50
28.21	Chromium oxides and hydroxides	25	20
Ex 28.23	Iron oxides and hydroxides, including earth colours containing seventy per cent or more by weight of combined iron evaluated as F2 O2 Corrospounding to the specifi- cations of codex	50	30
' 28.32/a	Amonium perchlorades	50	25

Tariff Item Number	Description of Products	Present Rate of Duty	Offer
28.40/b	Potassium phosphites hypophosphites and phosphates	30	15
Ex 28.43/c	Potassium cyanides	50	35
28.56/a	Silicon carbides (carborandum)	25	15
29.01/a	Diphenyl, diphenylmethane	40	30
29.01/b	Terpenes	50	25
29.22/a	Diphenyl-amine	30	18
Ex 29.22/b	Diethyl, diamine and similar materials	15	9
Ex 65.06	Miners headgear	100	75
68.02	Worked monumental or building stone, and articles thereof (including mosaic cubes), other than goods falling within heading No.68.01 or within Chapter 69.	100	60
Ex 73.16	Rails	25	20

<u>Tariff</u> <u>Item Number</u>	<u>Description of Products</u>	<u>Present Rate</u> <u>of Duty</u>	<u>Offer</u>
Ex 84.36	Saw-gins	30	24
84.42	Machinery (other than sewing machines falling withing heading No.84.41) for preparing, tanning or working hides, skins or leather. (including boot and shoe machinery).	30	24
85.05	Electro-mechanical tools and machine tools for working in the hand with selfcontained electric motor	35	28
87.12	Parts and accessories of articles falling within heading No.87.09, 87.10 or 87.11	50	40
Ex 90.17	Electro-medical apparatus and opthalmic instruments.	35	28

KENNEDY ROUND

SECTION

Possible United States Withdrawals relating to Main Agricultural products of export interest to Turkey

ITEM	TSUS	BTW	Description of Product	In 1964 US Imports		Supplier Position
				Share of Turkey %		
	141 35 00	07.05.10	Chickpeas.	69		1
	145 26 00	08.05.11	Pistache nuts, not shelled.	56		1
	145 46 00	08.05.44	Filberts, shelled.	93		1
	145 53 00	08,05.41	Pistache nuts, shelled.	73		1
	145 55 00	08.05.43	Walnuts, shelled.	40		1
	147 52 00	08.03.20	Figs, dried.	13		2
		30				
	147 63 00	08.04.30	Raisins made from seedless grapes, Sultans.	100		1
	161 01 00	09.09.20	Anise.	25		2
	161 39 00	09.10.30	Laurel leaves, crude or not manufactured.	34.1		1
	170 30 40	24.01.10	Tobacco, cigarette leaf, not stemmed.	53		1
	175 21 00	12.01.83	Hempseed.	81		1
	175 36 00	12.01.84	Poppyseed.	10		3
	183 20 00	13.02.23	Balsams, styrax,	60		1
	192 45 00	13.03.20	Licorice extract.	46		2

SCHEDULE XXXVII - TURKEY

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PART IMost-Favoured-Nation Tariff

Tariff Item Number	Description of Products	Base Rate of Duty %	Concession Rate of Duty %
Ex 01.05	Breeding poultry.	30	15
Ex 01.06	Other live animals : b) Breeding animals.	30	15
Ex 04.05	Breeding eggs.	30	15
Ex 13.02	Shellac, seed lac, stick lac and other lacs; natural gums, resins, gum-resins and balsams : b) Those used in medicine.	50	25
Ex 13.03	Vegetable saps and extracts, used in pharmaceutical industry.	100	50
28.21	Chromium oxides and hydroxides.	25	20
Ex 28.23	Those in the specifications of Codex.	50	30
28.32	Chlorates and perchlorates : a) Ammonium perchlorates.	50	25
28.40	Phosphites, hypophosphites and phosphates : b) Of potassium.	30	15
Ex 28.43	Cyanides and complex cyanides : c) Potassium cyanide.	50	35
28.56	Carbides (for example, silicon carbide, boron carbide, metallic carbides) : a) Silicon carbides (Carborundum).	25	15
29.01	Hydrocarbons : a) Diphenyl, diphenylmethane. b) Terpenes.	40 50	30 25

SCHEDULE XXXVII - TURKEY

PART I - (continued)

Tariff Item Number	Description of Products	Base Rate of Duty %	Concession Rate of Duty %
29.22	Amine-function compounds :		
Ex	a) Diphenylamine.	30	18
	b) Diethylenediamine and similar compounds.	15	9
Ex 65.06	Miners' headgear.	100	75
68.02	Worked monumental or building stone, and articles thereof (including mosaic cubes), other than goods falling within heading No. 68.01 or within Chapter 69.	100	60
Ex 73.16	Rails.	25	20
Ex 84.36	Saw-gins.	30	24
84.42	Machinery (other than sewing machines) for preparing, tanning or working hides, skins or leather (including boot and shoe machinery).	30	24
85.05	Tools for working in the hand, with self-contained electric motor.	35	28
87.12	Parts and accessories of articles falling within heading No. 87.09, 87.10 or 87.11	50	40
Ex 90.17	Electro-medical apparatus and ophthalmic instruments.	35	28

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PART II

Preferential Tariff

Nil.