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Addendum

At the meeting of the Council on 11 December 1995, it was agreed that an addendum to the Council's report in L/7651 would be issued to reflect the proceedings of that meeting. The CONTRACTING PARTIES at their Fifty-First Session on 12 December adopted the report in L/7651 on this understanding.

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1. Committee on Balance-of-Payments Restrictions

(a) Consultations (C/M/278)

At the Council meeting on 11 December 1995, the Chairman of the Committee introduced the Committee's reports on its consultations with South Africa (BOP/R/224-WT/BOP/R/1), Egypt (BOP/R/225-WT/BOP/R/2), Hungary (BOP/R/226-WT/BOP/R/3), the Slovak Republic (BOP/R/227-WT/BOP/R/4), Poland (BOP/R/228), Turkey (BOP/R/230-WT/BOP/R/6), Brazil (BOP/R/231-WT/BOP/R/7), Sri Lanka (BOP/R/232-WT/BOP/R/8) and the Philippines (BOP/R/233-WT/BOP/R/9), and made an oral report on the Committee's consultation with India.

The Council took note of the statement and of the oral report on the Committee's consultation with India, and adopted the reports in BOP/R/224-WT/BOP/R/1, BOP/R/225-WT/BOP/R/2, BOP/R/226-WT/BOP/R/3, BOP/R/227-WT/BOP/R/4, BOP/R/228, BOP/R/230-WT/BOP/R/6, BOP/R/231-WT/BOP/R/7, BOP/R/232-WT/BOP/R/8 and BOP/R/233-WT/BOP/R/9.

(b) Notes on meetings (C/M/278)

At its meeting on 11 December 1995, the Chairman of the Committee drew attention to the Committee's discussion of its ongoing business reported in BOP/R/229-WT/BOP/R/5.

The Council took note of the information in BOP/R/229-WT/BOP/R/5.

2. Recourse to Articles XXII and XXIII

(a) European Economic Community

(i) Member States' import régimes for bananas (C/M/278)

At its meeting on 11 December 1995, the Council again considered the Panel report.

The representative of Guatemala also on behalf of Ecuador, Honduras, Mexico and Panama, and the Chairman spoke.

The Council took note of the statements and that the positions of delegations that had expressed their views in previous meetings remained unchanged.

(ii) Import régime for bananas (C/M/278)

At its meeting on 11 December 1995, the Council again considered the Panel report.

The representative of Guatemala also on behalf of Ecuador, Honduras, Mexico and Panama, and the Chairman spoke.

The Council took note of the statements.

(b) United States

(i) Restrictions on imports of tuna

- Recourse by the European Communities and the Netherlands
(C/M/278)

At its meeting on 11 December 1995, the Council again considered the Panel report.

The representatives of Venezuela, El Salvador, Mexico, the United States and Costa Rica spoke.

The Council took note of the statements.

(ii) Taxes on automobiles (C/M/278)

At its meeting on 11 December 1995, the Council again considered the Panel report.

The representatives of the United States and the European Communities spoke.

The Council took note of the statements.

3. Monitoring of implementation of panel reports under paragraph I.3 of the April 1989 Decision on improvements to the GATT dispute settlement rules and procedures (C/M/278)

At its meeting on 11 December 1995, the Council again considered this matter.

The representatives of Canada and Australia spoke.

The Council took note of the statements.

4. Waivers under Article XXV:5

- Reports under waivers

- United States - Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act (C/M/278)

Under paragraph 7 of the CONTRACTING PARTIES' Decision of 15 February 1985 (BISD 31S/20), the United States is to submit an annual report on the implementation of the provisions of the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act (CBERA), and the CONTRACTING PARTIES are, two years from the Waiver's entry into force and biennially thereafter, to review its operation and consider if in the circumstances then prevailing any modifications to or termination of its provisions are required.

At its meeting on 11 December 1995, the Council considered the report submitted by the United States containing data for the calendar years 1993 and 1994 (L/7643).

The Council took note the information in L/7643.

5. Administrative and financial matters
 - Committee on Budget, Finance and Administration
 - Reports (C/M/278)

At the Council meeting on 11 December 1995, the Chairman of the Committee on Budget, Finance and Administration introduced the Committee's reports in L/7629-WT/BFA/4, L/7633-WT/BFA/6, L/7634-WT/BFA/7 and L/7649-WT/BFA/13.

The Chairman spoke.

The Council took note of the statements, approved the Committee's specific recommendations of relevance in 1995 to the GATT 1947 in the reports in L/7629-WT/BFA/4, L/7633-WT/BFA/6, L/7634-WT/BFA/7 and L/7649-WT/BFA/13, and adopted the reports.