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Addendum

The following communication, dated 27 July 1983, has been received from the Swiss delegation and is circulated for the information of contracting parties.

With effect from 1 July 1983, the Swiss Government has decided to add Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Sao Tomé and Príncipe, Sierra Leone and Togo to the list of the thirty-one least-developed countries to which it grants special treatment in the context of the Swiss scheme of tariff preferences.

Since 1 July 1982, the least-developed countries have been granted duty-free treatment on exports of industrial products for which other developing countries enjoy only a limited preference. The products concerned are textiles, clothing, footwear, umbrellas, unworked aluminium and dry-cell batteries (Chapters 50-63, Headings 6402, 6601, 7601 and 8503). This means that all industrial products falling within Chapters 25-99 are exempt from customs charges with the sole exception of goods subject to revenue duties (mineral fuels, Headings 2707, 2709-11, ex 2901, ex 2904, 3707; films: ex 3814, ex 3818, ex 3819; motor vehicles, engines and other components: 8702, 8704-8706, ex 8406). In addition, duty-free treatment is granted on forty-eight agricultural products of which twenty-four were not included in the Swiss scheme of preferences. Among these agricultural products the most important for the least-developed countries from the economic aspect are groundnuts, cocoa powder and pineapples.

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