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ARTICLE XIX - PROPOSED ACTION BY THE UNITED STATES

Lag Screws or Bolts

Addendum

The following communications, dated 21 February 1978, have been received from the United States mission.

Following consultations with other interested contracting parties under Article XIX and a review of other pertinent factors, President Carter has determined that import relief for the domestic producers of industrial fasteners (bolts, nuts, and large screws, including lag screws) would not be in the economic interest of the United States. As reported in document L/4621, the United States International Trade Commission found that the United States domestic industry is being seriously injured or threatened with serious injury, substantially because of increased imports. The Commission recommended that tariffs on bolts, nuts and large screws be increased from their current levels (which range from less than 1 per cent to 12.5 per cent) to 30 per cent and then staged down to 20 per cent over a five-year relief period.

Section 203(C)(1) of the Trade Act of 1974 provides that if the President does not take the action recommended by the Commission, its recommendation will nonetheless take effect if both Houses of Congress adopt, within ninety days, a concurrent resolution disapproving the President's decision.

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