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The following communication, dated 9 October 1979, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Finland.

The Permanent Mission of Finland presents its compliments to the secretariat of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and, with reference to GATT/AIR/1570 dated 20 June 1979 has the honour to inform the secretariat of the following:

As indicated in GATT document L/4801 the Government of Finland has decided to disinvoke its recourse to Article XII of the General Agreement as the basis for its remaining quantitative restrictions. Consequently an examination has been initiated in order to find out what modifications to the present import restrictions might be possible. So far the restrictions indicated in the publication "Import System of Finland" dated 1 January 1978^{1/} are still applied. It is, however, the intention of the Government of Finland to make effective as from 1 January 1980 eventual modifications of the import restrictions provided that the necessary procedures, including consultations with the trading partners principally concerned, can be terminated in due time. Finland will inform the Joint Working Group of its remaining import restrictions as soon as the modifications referred to above have been determined.

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