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Communication by Finland

The following communication dated 17 December 1979, has been received from the representative of Finland.

In the context of my signature of certain MTN agreements today I would like hereby to record the following declaration of intent on behalf of the Government of Finland.

1. Finland will proceed without delay to an early and faithful implementation of those MTN agreements that I have today signed on its behalf.
2. The signatures are qualified as being "subject to ratification". The necessary constitutional procedures in order to lift that qualification have been initiated and maximum efforts will be made to complete them promptly and in any event before the end of February 1980.
3. The agreements entering into force on 1 January 1980, as well as the tariff reductions agreed, will, however, be implemented de facto as of 1 January 1980. Consequently Finland will act consistently with the provisions of these agreement from that date on.
4. Finland is willing to enter into consultations on eventual problems that might arise regarding these agreements and to accept appropriate dispute settlement procedures related thereto.
5. With respect to the two agreements entering into force on 1 January 1981 (Customs Valuation and Government Procurement), it is the intention of Finland to ratify these agreements simultaneously with the final acceptance by certain major participants in the negotiations. Finland expects to be able to implement these agreements by the date of their entry into force.

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6. Finland expects to participate in the management of the agreements I have signed today as of the date of de facto application by Finland of the respective agreements.

I would appreciate your circulation of this letter to the delegations of the countries that have signed the MTN agreements or any of them today.