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The following communication, dated 4 June 1980, has been received from the Permanent Mission of South Africa.

This notification brings up-to-date South Africa's full reply on State trading contained in document L/4623/Add.14 of 14 November 1978.

Page 1

For "cheese-milk and industrial milk" in item I.5 read "cheese-milk, industrial milk and fresh milk"

Delete item I.10 and renumber the subsequent items 10 to 21.

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Delete paragraph 5 and insert the following:

"The Dairy Control Board controls, with the approval of the Minister of Agriculture, the producer prices of butterfat and industrial milk. The Board is the sole first-hand buyer and importer of butter, Cheddar and Gouda cheese and also controls the manufacturing and trade prices of these products.

"The Board is also empowered to act as the sole-importer of whole and skimmed milk powder, condensed milk and process cheese when local supplies of these products are insufficient to meet domestic demand. The trade prices of these products are not controlled.

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"The Board also regulates the sale and distribution of fresh milk in the urban areas of Cape Town, the Witwatersrand, Pretoria, Bloemfontein and the Western Transvaal. The price at which distributors buy fresh milk from producers is fixed by the Board with ministerial approval. The Board diverts surplus fresh milk to industrial outlets and distributes the joint net proceeds of milk sold for fresh consumption and for other purposes on a pool basis to producers.

"Dairy products, including fresh milk, being considered essential food-stuffs, the Scheme is devised to ensure a regular supply of these products at reasonable prices to the advantage of both producers and consumers."

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Delete paragraph 10 and renumber the subsequent paragraphs 10 to 21.

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For "Dairy Board" in paragraph B.(a)3 read "Dairy Control Board"

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For "Dairy Board" in paragraph C.(a)5 read "Dairy Control Board"

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Delete item III C.(d)1 and renumber the subsequent items 1 to 5.

