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HUNGARY - TRADE MEASURES TAKEN FOR
BALANCE-OF-PAYMENTS PURPOSES

Addendum

The following communication, dated 3 July 1984, has been received from the delegation of Hungary.

With reference to the notifications on trade measures taken by Hungary for balance-of-payments purposes as contained in documents L/5363 and Addenda 1-3, I have been instructed to communicate the following:

As of 1 July 1984 the Hungarian Government abolished the system of reference limits applied to large and frequent importers in import licensing. From this date the licensing authority reestablished in respect of all economic units the licensing in effect before 1 September 1982, with the exception of products falling under the six import quotas entered into force on 1 January 1984 and to be applied until 31 December 1984.

This decision is an integral part of the series of measures taken by the Hungarian Government, consistent with its declared intention, to eliminate gradually the temporary import restrictive measures. The decision has become possible mainly due to the economic policy measures applied by the Hungarian authorities in order to restore the equilibrium of the balance of current account in convertible currencies and to achieve a lasting significant improvement of the said balance, as well as to the further development in the system of economic management and economic regulators.

The Hungarian Government is confident that the external economic environment vital for the Hungarian economy will develop favourably and will not threaten the results attained in restoring the country's external equilibrium.

At the same time the Hungarian Government does expect that the abolition of the temporary import restrictive measures should be followed on behalf of its partners by the easing and elimination of the serious protectionist measures widely applied against Hungarian exports.