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The following communication, dated 26 November 1982, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Nigeria.

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OF-PAYMENTS REASONS

The Federal Government of Nigeria has, with effect from 21st April 1982, introduced restrictive measures on imports under the terms of Article XVIII:B of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. These measures have been necessitated by external circumstances over which the Nigerian authorities have no control. These include, among other things, the deteriorating Nigeria's terms of trade; the global economic recession and the sharp decline in oil revenue brought about by the present oil glut in the world market.

These measures which came into being under the Economic Stabilisation (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1982, are temporary in nature. They are designed to prevent further sharp decline in Nigeria's foreign exchange reserves, and to raise the level of reserves reasonably thereby revitalising the Nigerian economy.

The details of the restrictive measures are as follows:

- (a) Absolute Prohibition: Frozen chickens and gaming machines.
- (b) Import Licence: The following additional items are placed under import licencing restrictions:
 1. Manufactured articles of wood of all types, including flush doors whether or not for decorative use;
 2. Pre-printed papers and forms with or without carbon papers;
 3. All passenger cars;

4. Umbrella handles;
5. Plastic pipes;
6. Concentrated malt extracts;
7. Auto-cycles and cycles;
8. Yarn of man-made fibre, continuous and discontinuous;
9. Motor tyres for cars and similar size of sectional width exceeding 102 mm. to 304 mm.;
10. Cotton yarn of all types;
11. Cereal flours;
12. Nails;
13. Bolts and nuts including bolts ends and screw studs;
14. Processed barite and bentonite;
15. Assembled road and agricultural tractors;
16. Vegetable oil excluding bulk importation;
17. Real Madras (George);
18. Cement;
19. Bulk tea;
20. Louvre blades;
21. Fishing net;
22. Rice;
23. Furniture fabrics;
24. Jute and other vegetable fibre;
25. Asbestos cement pipes;
26. Sugar;
27. Pick-up delivery vans;

28. Ceramic products, including ceramic sinks, water basins, bidets, water closets, pans baths, wall tiles and the like, sanitary fixtures;
29. Components of all the above goods imported unassembled or disassembled, excluding those components imported under Approved Users Licence.

(c) Export Licence: In order to ensure that there is sufficient supply for local consumption, the exportation of the following is subject to export licensing:

Wheat offals

Dry brewers grain.

(d) Tariff Measures: Tariff increase has been imposed on a number of imports and such tariff increase ranges from 5% to 100%. The list of products affected by the tariff increase is as follows:

1. Stockfish
2. Bulk Tea
3. Rice
4. Cereal Flour
5. Beet and Cane-Sugar
6. Other sugar
7. Tomato Paste and Puree
8. Extracts and concentrates of coffee and Tea
9. Cement
10. All lotions and creams for baby care

11. Umbrella handles
12. Baby Feeding Bottles
13. Tyres for Cars and similar sizes (of sectional width exceeding 102 mm. to 304 mm.)
14. Cigarette Paper
15. Pre-printed papers and forms of all sizes inter-leaved with or without carbon
16. Yarn of man-made fibres continuous and discontinuous and cotton yarn of all types imported by approved manufacturers
17. Cotton Linters
18. Real Madras or George
19. Fabrics for the production of imitation leather
20. Rubberised Textile Fabrics
21. Brake lining and disc pads suitable for motor vehicles of Tariff No. 87.02
22. Base Cloth for the Manufacture of Lace and Embroidery
23. Hoop and strip of iron or steel, hot rolled or cold rolled imported by approved manufacturer of pipes and tubes
24. Bolts and Nuts (including bolts ends and screw studs)
25. Camera Motors and Parts
26. Electric Fans
27. Electronics - radio gramophones, radio receiving sets, Television sets
28. CKD Components imported by approved users
29. Fabricated structural steel

30. Kerosine Stoves and Parts thereof
31. Outboard Engines
32. Camera and Cinematograph motors and parts thereof
33. CKD (Completely Knocked Down) components of electricity supply metres
34. Generators and Generating Sets
35. Tractors designed solely for hauling trailers
36. Agricultural Tractors
37. Pick-up and delivery Panel Van
38. Passenger Cars including station wagons, estate and four-wheel drive cars
39. Components for passengers cars of Tariff No. 87.02A
40. Lorries, trucks, pick-up and delivery vans, Road tractors and Agric. tractors
41. Bicycles and Tricycles
42. Parts and Accessories of motor cycles and bicycles
43. Baby Carriage and Parts thereof
44. Wheelbarrows
45. Motor cycles auto-cycles and cycles
46. Batteries
47. Watches and Clocks
48. Other clocks and watch parts
49. Gramophones, record players, tape recorders and tape deck.

(e) Compulsory Advance Deposits for Imports: Advance deposits ranging from 25 per cent to 250 per cent of the value of imports are to be made by importers with their banks before letters of credits are opened.

Listed hereunder are the major items affected and their percentages:

- (a) Food - 50% with the exception of rice
- (b) Medicaments - 50%
- (c) Building Materials - 50%
- (d) Capital Goods - 50%
- (e) Raw materials - 25%
- (f) Spare parts - 25%
- (g) Motor Vehicles and trucks - 200%
- (h) Motor Cars - 250%
- (i) Other goods - 250%

In taking these economic measures, the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria has taken into account the need to strengthen economic relations with its trading partners, to the mutual advantage and prosperity of all.

The Nigerian authority will however relax and eliminate these temporary restrictive measures as soon as the underlying current problems improve.

The Permanent Mission of Nigeria remains ready and is willing to provide any information which is considered necessary to GATT members.