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Information Furnished by the Parties to the Agreement

- 1. This report covers the period from 1 April 1982 to 31 March 1984.
- 2. Industrial products originating in Malta are admitted for import by the Community without any quantitative restrictions and exempt from customs duties.
- 3. Malta, for its part, applies tariff reductions of 35 per cent in respect of substantially all its imports originating in the Community.
- 4. Pending negotiations to work out trade arrangements beyond 31 December 1980 on a contractual basis, the trade arrangements of 1980 have been applied by both parties on an autonomous basis since 1 January 1981.
- 5. The statistics in the attached table concerning the foreign trade of Malta in recent years show that during the period under review (1983 in relation to 1981), imports by Malta from the Community decreased by 4.7 per cent and its exports to the Community by 8.5 per cent.

FOREIGN TRADE OF MALTA

(EM'000s)

	1981	1982	1983
Total Imports .	332,269	325,073	316,633
Community	235,887	234,926	224,787
Rest of World	96,382	90,147	91,846
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Total Exports	173,726	169,036	156,748
Community	122,041	122,126	111,670
Rest of World	51,685	46,910	45,078

Source: National Statistics