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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 Cyprus are admitted for import by the Community without any quantitative restrictions and exempt from customs duties, with the exception of two textile products which are imported free of customs duties within the limits of annual Community tariff ceilings.
3. Cyprus, for its part, applies tariff reductions of 35 per cent in respect of most of its imports originating in the Community.
4. Pending negotiations to work out trade arrangements on a contractual basis, both parties applied the 1981 trade arrangements on an autonomous basis during 1982 and the early part of 1983.
5. A Protocol laying down trade arrangements to be applied between the Community and Cyprus during 1983 was signed in July 1983, within the context of the decision adopted by the EEC-Cyprus Association Council on 24 November 1980, establishing the process into the second stage of the Association Agreement (1). This Protocol, in particular, provided for certain improvements in the trade arrangements for imports into the Community of a number of Cypriot agricultural products.
6. Pending negotiations for a Protocol laying down the conditions and procedures for the implementation of Article 2 (3) of the Association Agreement, which provides for a further elimination of obstacles to trade between the parties, and the adoption by the Republic of Cyprus of the Common Customs Tariff, both parties have been applying the 1983 trade arrangements on an autonomous basis since 1 January 1984.
7. The statistics in the attached table concerning the foreign trade of Cyprus in recent years show that during the period under review (1983 in relation to 1981); imports by Cyprus from the Community increased by 31.7 per cent and its exports to the Community increased by 4.0 per cent.

(1) See doc L 5379 of 15.10.82.

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