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PHILIPPINES - IMPORT MEASURES TAKEN FOR BALANCE-OF-PAYMENTS PURPOSES¹

The following communication, dated 27 September 1984, has been received from the Permanent Mission of the Philippines.

"The Government of the Philippines, pursuant to Section 401 of the Tariff and Customs Code (Presidential Decree No. 1464, as amended), issued Executive Order No. 955 increasing the additional duty on imports to 10 per cent (10%) ad valorem with effect as of 6 June 1984. Executive Order No. 860 notified in document L/5575 and Executive Order No. 918 notified in document L/5637 had been repealed."

"The measure was instituted in view of the persistent balance-of-payments difficulties and other economic problems being experienced by the Philippines due largely to external factors over which the Philippine authorities have no control. These factors include the continuing deterioration in the Philippine terms of trade, the protectionist measures applied on Philippine exports by its trading partners, the contraction of international financing and the high cost of credit."

"In the view of the Philippine government, these measures are in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 3 of the Declaration on Trade Measures taken for Balance-of-Payments Purposes."

¹Additional duty was first introduced at a rate of three per cent (3%) on 1 January 1983 (see L/5575) and subsequently increased to five per cent (5%) on 3 November 1983 (L/5637).