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Communication from the Permanent Secretariat of the General Treaty of Central American Economic Integration

With reference to the Calendar of Biennial Reports with respect to regional agreements adopted by the Council (L/5825), the Permanent Secretariat of the General Treaty of Central American Economic Integration (SIECA) has submitted the following communication.

I have the honour to send you herewith the following documents¹:

1. Agreement on the Central American Tariff and Customs Régime, which also contains Annex B: Central American Legislation on Customs Valuation of Goods;
2. Annex A to the Agreement: Central American Import Tariff;
3. Resolutions Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 adopted by the Central American Tariff and Customs Council at its First Meeting;
4. Results of Tariff Negotiations and suggestions concerning other subjects pertaining to the application of the Central American Tariff and Customs Régime (SIECA/CONSEJO-I/D.T.4).

The Agreement on the Central American Tariff and Customs Régime was signed by the plenipotentiaries for the Governments of El Salvador and Costa Rica on 14 December 1984, and by the plenipotentiaries for Guatemala and Nicaragua on 27 December 1984. It entered into force for the four signatory countries, after completion of the processes of ratification and deposit, on 17 September 1985, which is also the date of establishment of the Central American Tariff and Customs Council, the governing body of the system.

Annex A to the Agreement, "Central American Import Tariff", containing the tariff, was adopted by the Tariff and Customs Council at its first meeting on 17 September 1985, by Resolution No. 2 (Consejo-I-85). It has already been ratified by the Government of Nicaragua and is in process of

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adoption by the legislatures of El Salvador and Costa Rica and by the Government of Guatemala, in accordance with their respective constitutional and legal rules.

The four resolutions I am sending you were also issued by the Central American Tariff and Customs Council on 17 September 1985.

In the document "Results of Tariff Negotiations and suggestions concerning other subjects pertaining to the application of the Central American Tariff and Customs Régime" (SIECA/CONSEJO-I/D.T.4), you will find a summary of the process of final negotiation of the Agreement and the tariff, and references to other related instruments.