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### ARTICLE XIX - ACTION BY THE UNITED STATES

#### Heavyweight Motorcycles

#### Termination of Import Relief

#### Addendum

The following communication, dated 11 December 1987, has been received from the Office of the United States Trade Representative.

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On 1 April 1983, the United States decided to provide five years of temporary relief from imports for the US heavyweight motorcycle industry, following a finding of threat of serious injury from increased imports as notified pursuant to Article XIX of the General Agreement to the Contracting Parties (L/5493). The relief provided by Presidential Proclamation 5050 of 15 April 1983 (48 FR 16639) was in the form of a five year, degressive, tariff rate-quota on heavyweight motorcycles having engines with total piston displacement over 700 cubic centimeters provided for in item 692.52 of the Tariff Schedules of the United States (TSUS). This relief was scheduled to terminate on 16 April 1988.

On 17 March 1987, the original petitioner for import relief, Harley-Davidson, Inc., informed the Government of the United States that it had restructured and no longer needed import relief. In view of these and other developments related to the economic condition and competitiveness of the domestic industry, under the authority delegated to the US Trade Representative by section 5(a) of Executive Order 11846, Ambassador Yeutter on 31 March 1987 requested the United States International Trade Commission, pursuant to section 203 (i)(2) of the Trade Act of 1974, to advise the President at the earliest possible date as to the probable economic effect on the domestic industry concerned of immediate termination of the temporary, import relief duty on motorcycles provided for in item 924.20 of the Tariff Schedules of the United States.

On 19 June 1987, the U.S. Internatioanl Trade Commission submitted its report of the results of its investigation concerning heavyweight motorcycles and advised that the early termination of the import relief would have no significant economic effect on the domestic industry producing heayweight motorcycles.

Accordingly, pursuant to US law (section 203(h)(4) of the Act 19 U.S.C.2253 (h)(4)) and after taking into account the advise of the United States Trade Representative, the US International Trade Commission, the Secretary of Commerce, and the Secretary of Labor, the President determined on 9 October that it was in the national interest to terminate the import relief in effect with respect to heavyweight motorcycles and to terminate the suspension of Generalized System of Preference treatment for this article. This termination became effective with respect articles entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption on 19 October.