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The following communication, dated 28 February 1989, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Bolivia.

I have the pleasure to transmit herewith the replies to the questions raised by contracting parties concerning the Memorandum on the Foreign Trade Régime of Bolivia (L/6369) as communicated to us through your Notes of 18 November 1988 and 3 January 1989. With regard to the questions contained in your Note of 15 February 1989, our authorities are in the process of preparing the replies, which I shall have the pleasure to transmit to you as soon as they are complete.

At the same time, I should like to inform you of two changes in the Bolivian trade régime that were made after the submission of the Memorandum in question. The first, which is described in the attached replies, is that the automatic tariff reduction referred to in Section III.2 of the Memorandum has been held at a level of 17 per cent as from 29 December 1988.

The second is the change in certain rates of the tax on certain consumer goods, and the application of this tax to new products, as listed in Supreme Decree 21991 (Annex 20 of the attached document) and in Articles 13 to 18 of the Budget Law of 8 February 1989, the text of which is attached hereto.

The questions and replies concerning the Memorandum on Foreign Trade Régime of Bolivia (L/6369) will be circulated in an addendum to the present document. The annexes and the text of the Budget Law, dated 8 February 1989, are available in the secretariat (Development Division, Room 2010) for consultation by delegations.