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# TARIFFS AND TRADE

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## GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES

### Notification by Czechoslovakia

#### Addendum

The following communication from the Permanent Mission of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic dated 19 September 1989 is circulated for the information of contracting parties.

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I have the honour to inform you that the Decree of the Federal Ministry of Foreign Trade of Czechoslovakia No. 3/1982 of the Collection of Laws on the Exemption from Customs Duties of Goods Imported from and Originating in Developing Countries in the wording of Decrees No. 40/1984 of the Collection of Laws and No. 25/1987 of the Collection of Laws was repealed and replaced by the Decree of Federal Ministry of Foreign Trade of Czechoslovakia No. 69/1989\* of the Collection of Laws on the Exemption from Customs Duties of Goods Imported from and Originating in Developing Countries. The Decree entered into force on 1 July 1989.

By virtue of the new legislation the number of least-developed and additional developing countries enjoying the preferential zero rates of duty has been increased and the respective list, annexed to the Decree, now contains forty-four countries. Thus, the list of developing countries, imports of which are exempt to 75 per cent of customs duties assessed according to valid import customs duty rates established in the Czechoslovak Customs Tariff, has been modified respectively. The overall list of beneficiaries of the Czechoslovak scheme of preferences has not been changed and covers 124 developing countries.

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\* Available at the Secretariat (tel: 739.50.88) for inspection by interested delegations.

In addition, further preferential rates of duty are established for tropical products imported from and originating in developing countries not enjoying duty-free treatment. In Annex No. 5 to the Decree there is a list of tropical products with reduction of preferential rates to zero. Annex 6 to the Decree contains a list of tropical products which are exempt to 85 per cent of customs duties assessed according to valid import customs duty rates established in the Czechoslovak Customs Tariff.

The preferential rates of duty are to be applied to goods originating in and exported from developing countries listed in respective annexes to the Decree directly to Czechoslovakia by a firm registered in a developing country being the preference-receiving country.