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Communication from the Republic of Cameroon

The following communication, dated 14 November 1989, has been received from the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Cameroon concerning reductions in tariffs and non-tariff measures introduced on 1 July 1989.

I have the honour to transmit herewith, for the information of the contracting parties, a list of measures taken by the Government of the Republic of Cameroon following the adoption, on 1 July 1989, of Finances Act No. 089/001, and under its ongoing structural adjustment programme.

1. Tariff measures

Reduction of the supplementary tax on goods, wines, liqueurs, whiskies, gins, country wines, cigarettes, perfumes, beauty products and passenger cars with an engine capacity of over 2,000 cm³.

Reduction of the minimum levy on clothing, underwear and shoes made of rubber or plastic.

Reduction of the single tax on cigarettes, perfumes and skin-care products.

2. Non-tariff measures

New trade programme modifying import procedures by the abolition of import licences for products not subject to regulation.

Price liberalization through abolition of the government margin-setting system for all products not subject to prior approval or to quantitative restrictions.

It should be noted that further measures are being prepared. They include the establishment of an industrial free zone, which has a significant impact in terms of encouraging trade.

As this series of measures is part of the process of trade policy liberalization in Cameroon, additional information may be obtained from the Ministry for Industrial and Commercial Development, Foreign Trade Department, Yaoundé, Cameroon.