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Corrigendum

Paragraph 4 should read as follows:

4. The delegate from the United States, through the secretariat, circulated a number of questions in writing addressed to the EC, concerning the changes in the EC coverage. She was looking forward to receiving answers in due time to allow for an assessment to be made. The spokesman for Canada recalled that at the Committee meeting of 23 April of this year and in a subsequent letter dated 30 April, his delegation had asked the European Community to provide certain statistical data on the same subject. The delegate from Japan, referring to the Explanatory Note to the Notification by the European Community, commented that Japan agreed that privatised companies should not fall under the Code. However, he reserved his right to examine this matter in the future. The spokeswoman for the European Communities assured the Canadian delegate that the Communities were in the process of drafting a reply to the Canadian questions which would be sent to the GATT secretariat shortly. Replying to the Japanese concern she stated that entities which were privatised, ceased to exist or were decentralised and were subsequently withdrawn from the list of entities represented only a fairly small share of the markets covered by the Code. Some entities were withdrawn from the list simply because they no longer existed, for instance the entity which dealt with the intra-German trade; or, certain entities in France which were previously at the central level which had become local entities since through a process of decentralisation and thus fell outside the scope of the current Code. The delegate from the United States thanked the EC for its replies but reiterated her request that replies be given in writing. She expressed a particular interest in certain areas that were addressed this morning. The Committee took note of the statements made.

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