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QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS

Addendum

1. At its meeting of October/November 1975, the Sub-Group "Quantitative Restrictions" agreed that delegations should endeavour to send to the secretariat summary notes with respect to the consultations in which they had participated as exporting or importing countries. The Sub-Group also agreed that the secretariat would assemble and distribute these summaries for the further work of the Sub-Group (MTN/NTM/9, paragraph 9).
2. At the July 1976 meeting of the Sub-Group it was agreed that the consultation process should be continued and that delegations which had not yet submitted summary notes should endeavour to do so prior to the next meeting of the Sub-Group with a view to facilitating an analysis of the existing situation (MTN/NTM/20, paragraph 4).
3. The following communication has been received from the delegation of New Zealand concerning consultations held with the European Economic Community, the United States, Canada, the Nordic countries, Switzerland and Pakistan.
4. Delegations which have not yet submitted summary notes are invited to do so without delay.

ANNEX

Consultations held by New Zealand

1. New Zealand made notifications against the following countries: EEC and member States, United States, Canada, Japan, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Portugal, Switzerland.
2. To date consultations have been held with the EEC, United States, Canada, the Nordic countries and Switzerland. In view of their position on the issue, several countries declined to discuss quantitative restrictions on agricultural products notified by New Zealand, while some other countries indicated that their willingness to discuss such measures was without prejudice to their position on the issue.
3. During the consultations clarification on the measures notified was sought and given, together with explanations on the social and economic factors underlying the existence of the measures. In a number of cases it was apparent that the measures notified were not, in fact, barriers to trade, while in other cases the existence of the measures was consistent with the application of provisions of the General Agreement.
4. Notifications against New Zealand were made by the EEC, United States, Canada, the Nordic countries, Switzerland, Turkey, Pakistan, India and Colombia.
5. To date consultations on these notifications have been held with the EEC, United States, Canada, the Nordic countries, Switzerland and Pakistan.