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## REPORT ON CONSULTATIONS HELD UNDER THE PROCEDURES OF MTN/AG/4

### BULGARIA

At its meeting on 20 December 1976, Group "Agriculture" agreed that delegations having participated in consultations should endeavour, in advance of the next meeting, to send to the secretariat summary notes with respect to the consultations in which they had participated. The secretariat would assemble and distribute the summaries in order to facilitate a decision concerning the further work of the Group.

In accordance with this procedure, Bulgaria has sent the secretariat the following note.

#### Note on Consultations Held Between Bulgaria and the European Communities Under the Procedures of MTN/AG/4

1. The consultation on agricultural products between the EEC and Bulgaria was held on 6 April 1977 in Geneva under the procedure adopted by Group "Agriculture" on the basis of the notifications sent previously by the two sides to the GATT secretariat.
2. Notification by Bulgaria to the EEC

The notification of Bulgaria listed the tariff and non-tariff measures of the EEC which hamper most seriously the Bulgarian agricultural exports. The Bulgarian delegation drew attention to the clear cut downfall in the long-term trend of Bulgarian agricultural exports to the EEC. Particular stress was laid upon the way that fruit and vegetable reference prices are set and which, in a number of cases, practically excludes Bulgarian products from the Community markets.

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The Bulgarian side took note of the detailed explanation of the aims and the working of the price mechanism for fruit and vegetables given by the delegation of the EEC.

3. Notification by the EEC to Bulgaria

The EEC delegation confirmed the position contained in the EEC notification on the subject of the so-called "transparency" of the economic and trade policy information from Bulgaria and particularly the decision-taking in the field of agricultural imports into Bulgaria.

The Bulgarian side quoted the sources of general economic and commercial information on Bulgaria, more specifically the wide publicity given to the long-term plans for the economic and social development of the country which form the basis of decision-taking as far as imports into the country are concerned.

4. The two delegations considered the exchange of views and information useful for the further work of Group "Agriculture".