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TROPICAL PRODUCTS

Additional Contributions by Austria

The following communication dated 3 January 1990 has been received from the delegation of Austria with the request that it be circulated to all participants.

I have been instructed to draw your attention to the broad tariff reduction measure which has been implemented by Austria on 1 January 1990 and comprises a considerable number of tropical products. Austrian tariff rates for the following categories of tropical items will be reduced substantially:

4005 10, 20, 91, 99:	Compounded rubber, unvulcanized
4006 10, 90:	Other forms of unvulcanized rubber
4011 10, 20, 40, 50, 91, 99:	New pneumatic tyres, of rubber
4013 10, 20, 90:	Inner tubes, of rubber
4014 10, 90:	Hygienic or pharmaceutical articles of vulcanised rubber other than hard rubber
4016 10, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 99:	Other articles of vulcanized rubber other than hard rubber
4017 00:	Hard rubber
4408 20, 90:	Veneer sheets and sheets for plywood etc.
4412 11, 12:	Plywood, veneered panels and similar laminated wood
4418 20, 30:	Builders' joinery and carpentry of wood
ex 4420 90:	Wood marquetry and inlaid wood
4601 20 A, 91 A:	Plaits and similar products of plaiting material
4602 10:	Basketwork, wickerwork and other articles of vegetable materials
5307 10, 20:	Yarn of jute of other textile bast fibres
5308 90:	Yarn of other vegetable textile fibres
5310 10, 90:	Woven fabrics of jute or of other textile bast fibres
5311 00:	Woven fabrics of other vegetable textile fibres
5607 10, 21, 29, 30:	Twine, cordage, rope and cables, whether or not plaited or braided, of jute, sisal or abaca
5702 20:	Floor covering of coconut fibres (coir)
9401, 61, 69:	Seats (other than those of heading No. 92.02), whether or not convertible into beds, and parts thereof
9403 30, 40, 50, 60, 80, 90:	Other furniture and parts thereof.

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Given the great number of sub-items, tariff rates and their reductions are not stated here but they can be found in the Annex to GATT-Documents L/6509 of 30 May 1989.

The tariff reductions will be implemented autonomously and without staging on a MFN-basis and will be in force provisionally until 31 December 1991. Austria is prepared to negotiate the inclusion of these tariff reductions in its GATT Schedule XXXII-Austria in the appropriate framework of the Uruguay-Round.

The tariff rates as reduced on 1 January 1990 will be the basis for the calculation of GSP-rates so that exporting beneficiary countries can take advantage of even lower GSP-duty rates.

Austria requests the circulation of this information and the inclusion of these tariff reductions in the relevant documents of the Negotiating Group on Tropical Products. It is expected that these tariff reductions will be recognized as a contribution towards the objectives of the negotiating group.