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COMMUNICATION FROM ARGENTINA

The following communication, dated 6 December 1990, has been received from the Permanent Delegation of Argentina.

I have the pleasure to refer to the tariff offer submitted by the Argentine Republic last March.

That offer proposed the binding of the entire Customs Tariff at a level of 35 per cent, with the exception of the tariff headings already bound at lower levels in earlier GATT Rounds. The offer was conditional upon the obtention of satisfactory results in the areas of particular interest to Argentina.

In accordance with the Uruguay Round Tariff Protocol, if the offer were to be confirmed it would come into force on 1 January 1992, in the manner described below.

The entire Customs Tariff, with the exception of 322 headings, will be bound at 35 per cent as from 1 January 1992.

On the basis of the procedure described in paragraph 2 of the Protocol, in the case of those 322 tariff headings which are currently subject to the application of specific duties (inter alia textiles, electronic goods and bearings) Argentina will bind them at that level on 1 January 1992.

It will subsequently reduce those specific duties by means of three equal annual reductions, the first of which will be effected on 1 January 1993, so as to reach the general level of 35 per cent ad valorem on 1 January 1995.

The detailed list of the above-mentioned headings will be included in due course in the annexes to the Tariff Protocol.

I should be obliged if you would kindly have this communication circulated to participants in the Uruguay Round.