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The following communication, dated 27 February 2002, has been received from the Permanent Mission of the Gabonese Republic.

I have the honour to inform you that an import licensing regime no longer exists in the Gabonese Republic. Under the structural adjustment programme undertaken by Gabon, the import licensing regime was partially eliminated in 1989 and entirely in 1999.

In this context and to this end, all import restrictions and prohibitions had already been abolished by Decree No. 000455/PR/MCD/MEFBP of 14 June 1999, liberalizing imports into the Gabonese Republic, with the exception of sugar, which is protected for a period of five years.