GREECE

Replies to Questions put at Meetings of the Committee.

The following communication has been received from the Permanent Representative of Greece.

With reference to your letter VI/101 of 9 November 1972 I have the honour to transmit to you the following replies to the four questions in documents COM.AD/14, paragraphs 5-8 and COM.AD/19, paragraphs 24-26 and 88, relating to the 1970 and 1971 meetings of the Committee on Anti-Dumping Practices and mentioned in your letter under reference.

QUESTION 1. Article 2 of the Greek Anti-Dumping Act contains provisions on price adjustments for differences in taxation. Is allowance also made for other differences affecting price comparability as provided for in Article 2(f) of the Code?

REPLY. Allowance is also made for other differences affecting price comparability provided for in the Greek Act and in the Anti-Dumping Code. This statement is supported by the fact that no complaint has been made to date that an anti-dumping duty has been imposed contrary to the requirements of the Code, and in particular with regard to the evaluation of the "price" and "damage" factors.

QUESTION 2. At the Committee's 1970 meeting, the representative of Greece, replying to comments regarding conformity with the Code, stated that the Ministry of Economic Co-ordination was then working on a new text that would bring the Greek legislation into conformity with the provisions of the Code. What is the position with regard to the preparation of this text?

REPLY. The Ministry of Finance has been engaged for some time on the preparation of a draft Legislative Decree on "Anti-Dumping Duties" adapted to the requirements of the GATT Anti-Dumping Code. This work will be completed within a reasonable period of time.

QUESTION 3. With regard to case 1:1:V mentioned in the report by Greece under Article 16 of the Anti-Dumping Agreement (COM.AD/15/Add.3, page 1), which was the country exporting high pressure mercury vapour lamps to Greece?

1See document COM.AD/26, paragraphs 21 and 60.
REPLY. With regard to case l:1:V mentioned in the report by Greece under Article 16 of the Anti-Dumping Agreement (COM.AD/15/Add 3, page 1) it should be noted that the request for the imposition of anti-dumping duties on imports of high pressure mercury vapour lamps was rejected and for this reason is therefore no longer applicable.

QUESTION 4. The report submitted in 1971 under Article 16 showed that the number of anti-dumping cases in Greece has increased considerably. In this connexion, could Greece supply more information about the administration of the Greek legislation and the procedures followed?

REPLY. The impression that there was a considerable increase in anti-dumping cases in Greece in 1971 is attributable to the larger number of requests from interested parties for the application of anti-dumping duties. It should however be noted that only one request was approved, while since the last report in June 1972, no provisional or definitive measure has been taken. Greece has resorted to anti-dumping measures with the greatest moderation and with great caution. On each occasion when this takes place, these measures are resorted to after an exhaustive investigation of the specific case and only when the application of anti-dumping measures is entirely justified and when there is no doubt of its being in complete conformity with the Code.