At their twenty-third session, the CONTRACTING PARTIES invited governments of developed countries applying import restrictions on products notified to Committee III as being of export interest to less-developed countries to give immediate consideration to the elimination of these restrictions and to report by June 1966 on compliance. Subsequently, the Committee on Trade and Development agreed that these reports on compliance might, in the first instance, be considered by the Group on Residual Restrictions. The reports and certain additional indications given at the meeting of the Group on Residual Restrictions at its meeting in July were circulated in document COM.TD/26 and COM.TD/B/4. Governments continuing to apply such restrictions were invited to give further consideration to the elimination of the restrictions or to indicate the steps they would wish to suggest for dealing with the remaining problems in this regard. Accordingly, contracting parties were invited in GATT/AIR/569 and GATT/AIR/576, dated 3 August and 28 September respectively, to submit, as appropriate, additional reports on action taken, or proposed to be taken, for the removal of the remaining restrictions.

Replies have been received to date from Austria, Denmark, the Netherlands and the United States. The substantive contents are as follows:

**Austria**

In addition to the products for which import liberalization on 1 January 1967 had been announced at the meeting of the Group on Residual Restrictions, another item, 62.01-A travelling rugs and blankets of wool or fine animal hair, will also be liberalized on that date.

**Denmark**

No changes in the import policy have taken place since the meeting of the Group on Residual Restrictions, at which time Denmark announced pending import liberalization for a number of products on 1 July 1966 and 31 December 1966 respectively (COM.TD/B/4, pages 6 and 7). The question of abolishing the remaining restrictions on products of export interest to developing countries is still under consideration.
Netherlands

Import restrictions on shrimps, covered by tariff heading ex 16.05, will also be removed on 1 January 1967, as a complement to the liberalization measure announced at the last meeting of the Group on Residual Restrictions in respect of shrimps covered by tariff heading ex 03.03.¹

United States

Since last reporting there have been no changes in United States restrictions on products of export interest to developing countries. The import restrictions are generally deemed to be permissible under the terms on which the United States applies provisionally the General Agreement.

¹Reference COM.TD/B/4, page 13, paragraph 31; the liberalization will not apply to "Penacidae", a variety of shrimps found in the Baltic Sea.