NOTIFICATION BY AUSTRALIA

The following communication, dated 5 May 1981, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Australia.

In response to GATT/AIR/1711, I have been asked by my authorities to advise the secretariat of the following measures taken by Australia, and of interest to developing countries:

(a) Following a temporary assistance authority report the Government decided that certain soft-sided containers without supporting frames, having an internal capacity not exceeding 13,000 cubic centimetres, of a kind falling within tariff classification 42.02.9 will be subject to a temporary duty of 20 per cent for twelve months from 4 February 1981.

(b) After considering an Industries Assistance Commission (IAC) report on short-term assistance the Government decided that the duty on fluorescent and filament lamps falling within tariff classification 85.20.2 would be increased from 15 per cent and 2 per cent to 25 per cent and 10 per cent respectively. The duties will apply from 1 April 1981 until the Government considers the question of long-term assistance for the lamps industry following receipt of the IAC final report later this year.