ACTION BY GOVERNMENTS RELEVANT TO THE PROVIDSIONS OF PART IV

Addendum

The delegation of Australia has submitted the following information in connexion with the implementation of Part IV.

(a) Consideration given by contracting parties to the report of the Group of Three (L/3710) and action taken towards the implementation of its recommendations

Australia continues to support the work of the Group and the contribution it has already made to increasing awareness of the problems of developing countries. No specific recommendations were made in regard to Australia. Australia will play her full part in the collective consideration of the Group's general recommendations.

(b) Any changes in the direction of an increase in duties or other barriers since the last review of the implementation of Part IV in 1971

Australia's import régime is unchanged.

(c) Any steps taken towards the reduction or removal of restrictions which have not already been covered by the Group of Three report

Additional items were notified in document L/3734 - see below:

Paragraphs 1(a) and (b) of Article XXXVII

Since its last report Australia has further increased the scope of its system of tariff preferences for developing countries.

These tariff preferences apply to a very wide range of manufactures, semi-manufactures and hand-made cottage industry products.

Since the preferences were first introduced in 1966, the number of tariff items to which preferential arrangements for developing countries apply has been increased from some 160 to some 570, the number of groups of hand-made cottage industry products admitted duty free without quota limitation has also been substantially increased and the f.o.b. value of the preferential tariff quotas has been increased from $A 13 million to $A 53.5 million per annum. In all cases the preferences have been introduced either in response to specific requests from developing countries or because the products concerned have been nominated by developing countries as being of export interest to them.

**Paragraph (c)**

The Australian Government has not introduced any fiscal measures relevant to this sub-paragraph.

**Paragraph 3(a)**

The Australian Government does not exercise control over trade margins.