ACTION BY GOVERNMENTS RELEVANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF PART IV

Addendum

The following information has been received from the delegation of the United Kingdom in connexion with the implementation of Part IV.

Changes to Quantitative Restrictions

Cigars: In accordance with the time-table for phasing out the United Kingdom's Dollar Area Quota restrictions agreed with the United States in July 1973, the United Kingdom's Dollar Area cigar quota has been increased for the calendar year 1974 to £240,000 of which not more than £75,000 is for hand-made cigars. The Cuban hand-made cigar quota has been increased to £2,500,000.

Bananas: Further to paragraph 11 of COM.TD/W/210, the total of supplementary quotas for imports from the Dollar Area issued in the period October 1973 to September 1974 was 60,050 tons. In addition, a supplementary quota of 16,000 tons for 1974/75 was announced on 3 October 1974, as indicated in paragraph 4 of COM.TD/W/218, and a further 5,000 tons for 1974/75 was announced on 24 October 1974.

Trade Promotion Measures

Import Opportunities Office: At the end of 1973 the United Kingdom established the Import Opportunities Office for Developing Countries (DCIOO) which became operational from 1 April 1974. The aim of the office is to help exporters from developing countries by providing them with information about market opportunities in the United Kingdom, by advising United Kingdom importers of products which developing countries have available and generally to act as a contact and information point for business visitors from and trade representatives of developing countries.