ACTION BY GOVERNMENTS RELEVANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF PART IV AND OPERATION OF THE ENABLING CLAUSE

Addendum

The following communication has been received from the delegation of Switzerland in connexion with the implementation of Part IV and operation of the Enabling Clause.

Supplementing the information circulated in documents COM.TD/W/336 and COM.TD/SCPM/3, it should be noted that Spain and Greece were deleted from the list of beneficiary countries under the Swiss GSP scheme on 1 July 1980 and 1 January 1981 respectively.

The Confederation has launched several campaigns for promoting imports from developing countries. These campaigns are financed under the programme regarding economic and trade policy measures in the context of co-operation for development. In this connexion, Switzerland is participating with other European countries in financing the jute promotion project which is being implemented by ITC. Inter alia, Switzerland has made a contribution to the International Cotton Institute which is concerned with promoting cotton in Europe and Japan. In addition, this year the Confederation has largely financed participation by Egypt and Senegal in the Swiss Samples Fair at Basle and by Sri Lanka at the Swiss Trade Fair at Lausanne. Algeria and the Philippines are also taking part in the latter event.

Switzerland's total imports increased from Sw F 48,730 million in 1979 to Sw F 60,859 million in 1980. Of this increase by nearly Sw F 12,000 million, higher prices of fuels and mineral oils accounted for Sw F 10,764 million. Over the same period, imports from beneficiary countries under the Swiss GSP scheme increased from Sw F 4,716 million to Sw F 6,646 million. Imports covered by the Swiss GSP scheme increased from Sw F 2,160 to Sw F 3,128 million, and imports under the preferences from Sw F 934 million to Sw F 1,132 million.