COMMITTEE OF PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES

Reporting Procedures

1. The Decision¹ of November 1971 permitting the introduction of tariff preferences among developing countries provides, inter alia, that

"the CONTRACTING PARTIES will review annually, on the basis of a report to be furnished by the participating countries, the operation of this Decision in the light of the aforementioned objectives and considerations".

2. The objectives and considerations may be summarized as follows:

(i) Participating countries are permitted to accord preferences to one another to facilitate trade between them, provided barriers to trade of other contracting parties are not raised.

(ii) Participating countries will keep under review the possibility of promoting negotiations for additions or enlargements to the schedules of concessions.

(iii) Participating countries have undertaken to facilitate the accession of all developing countries on terms consistent with their individual development, financial and trade needs.

(iv) Any modifications to the concessions shall be notified to the CONTRACTING PARTIES.

(v) Where any benefit accruing to any contracting party under the General Agreement may be or is impaired, participating countries shall afford adequate opportunity for consultation.

(vi) Should any such consultations prove unsatisfactory, the matter may be brought before the CONTRACTING PARTIES for examination and recommendation.

3. As in the case of reporting procedures for other arrangements subject to a waiver from the provisions of Article I of the General Agreement, the report on this arrangement should also be based on a statistical presentation. A draft pro forma to be completed by each participating country is attached for consideration.

¹BISD, eighteenth supplement, pages 26-28.
4. The timing of the report and the availability of statistical information are relevant to the preparation of the initial tabulations. It may be noted that for eight countries the Protocol entered into force on 11 February 1973. For Tunisia it entered into force in March and for Egypt in August. Given the time lag in the availability of trade statistics it is probable that, for such trade as has taken place at concessional rates, information for the period February/December 1973 or the fiscal year ended March 1974 would not be available until the second half of 1974.

5. For those participating countries which have details to provide, the attached format (amended as necessary) could be used. Presumably, other participating countries would indicate either that for stated reasons no trade has taken place at concessional rates or has been minimal or that the statistics are unavailable.

6. The information supplied by individual participating countries might be accompanied by a short description of developments. For convenience, this material might be collated by the secretariat together with relevant information on the "objectives and considerations" summarized in paragraph 1, points (ii) to (vi) above. The report might then be approved by the Committee of Participating Countries for submission by the Chairman of the Committee to a meeting of the Council in advance of the thirtieth session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES.
### Country X

**Imports of the Items Included in the List of Concessions of Country X**

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¹/ BTN heading and national tariff number. Statistical number may also be added.

²/ Calendar year or fiscal year relevant to the concessions listed in the Protocol for which statistical data are available.

³/ Import value.