KENNEDY ROUND OF TRADE NEGOTIATIONS:
TELEGRAMS RECEIVED BY DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF GATT

The Director-General of GATT, Mr. Eric Wyndham White, has received the following telegrams:

"In recent years the Standing Conference of Chambers of Commerce and Industry of the EEC countries has always eagerly hoped for the success of the Kennedy Round. The resolutions adopted by it have expressed the unanimous opinion of the economic sectors of the EEC countries. In this the final stage of the negotiations, the Standing Conference feels that it should make a renewed appeal so that this unique opportunity should not be lost for achieving the elimination of non-tariff barriers to international trade, as well as the widest possible reductions in customs tariffs. Farsighted and courageous decisions could facilitate solution of the present difficulties. Failure would have harmful consequences for world trade.

(signed) Henri Courbot"

"The Presidents of the Chambers of Commerce of Amsterdam, Antwerp, Bremen, Ghent, Hamburg and Rotterdam ask you to bring to the notice of the negotiating parties that these Chambers too attach the utmost importance to the success of the Kennedy Round negotiations. They want to insist, at this last moment, that all negotiating parties show their goodwill to carry these negotiations to a successful conclusion in due time. Although they do not underestimate the difficulties that still have to be solved, for example in the non-tariff sector, they are convinced that these can be overcome. It is their conviction that a

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failure of the negotiations will have very serious consequences for the necessary expansion of world trade and will lead to a disintegration of the world into several protectionist blocs and trade between industrial and developing countries would moreover be hampered seriously.

Signed: Rehbock, Amsterdam; Delandsheer, Ghent; Havenith, Antwerp; Stoedter, Hamburg; Jacobs, Bremen; Vandenberg, Rotterdam.

In his replies to these telegrams the Director-General states, "I share fully the views on Kennedy Round expressed in your telegram and I am transmitting its contents to the negotiating parties. I greatly appreciate your efforts".

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