REPORT OF THE GROUP OF THREE

Amendments Indicated by Delegations

The following amendments to the country notes contained in Annex I of the Report of the Group of Three have been indicated by the delegation of Belgium on behalf of the Benelux and by the delegations of the Federal Republic of Germany and Japan.

Benelux

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(i) Delete first sentence.

(ii) The second sentence should read:

"In the first series of consultations, the Group noted that the few quantitative restrictions still maintained by the Benelux countries on products of interest to developing countries fell in the following categories:

1. A small number of restrictions of certain fruits and vegetables, cut flowers, hop cones and lupulin (applied only by Belgium and Luxembourg).

2. Ex 26.42 Neutral anhydrous sodium bicarbonate.

3. Ex 79.03 wrought plates, sheets and strips of zinc."

Federal Republic of Germany

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The last paragraph should read:

"During the second series of consultations the Group was informed by the representatives of the Federal Republic that effective from 1 October 1971 the following items would be liberalized:

ex 16.02 Other prepared or preserved meat or meat offal of sheep;

ex 03.02 Fish, salted in brine, dried or smoked;"
ex 05.15 Dried shrimps;
ex 20.04 Candied tropical fruits and plants and parts thereof;
ex 20.05 Jams, etc. of tropical fruits, apricots, peaches."

Japan

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III. Tropical products

In the first sentence delete "cocoa and" as there are no duties on cocoa (BTN items 18.01 and 18.02).

The second sentence should read:

"A commodity tax exists for coffee and coffee products. In regard to bulk and packaged tea, the commodity tax applies only to special varieties referred to as 'oolong tea and ponshong tea'."

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IV. Tariff escalation for vegetable oilseeds, oils and cake

Replace first sentence with the following:

"In Japan there are low and zero duties on oilseed and oilcakes. Existing ad valorem duties on oils vary from 0 to 10 per cent."