The following communication dated 5 July 1977, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Australia.

In accordance with sub-paragraph (c) of the waiver adopted by the CONTRACTING PARTIES under the Decision of 25 June 1971 (L/3545), the following changes in the Australian Generalized System of Preferences for developing countries are notified for the information of contracting parties:

(a) Yugoslavia is excluded from the developing country tariff preference on electricity watt hour meters classified within sub-paragraphs 90.26.311 and 90.26.319 of the Australian Customs Tariff.

(b) Hong Kong and Taiwan are excluded from the developing country tariff preference on aluminium householdware classified to sub-item 76.15.900 of the Australian Customs Tariff.

(c) The GSP quota applying to stockings and tights classified within item 60.03.000 and sub-item 60.04.400 of the Australian Customs Tariff has been abolished. Developing countries now receive a margin of preference of ten percentage points without quota (Israel is excluded from the preference on 60.04.400).

(d) Developing country tariff preference is withdrawn in respect of calcium carbide classified within sub-item 28.56.100 of the Australian Customs Tariff and products based on calcium carbide classified within sub-item 38.19.900.
(e) The developing country tariff preference is withdrawn in respect of polyolefin fabrics, which are impregnated, coated, covered or laminated with artificial plastic material and fall within paragraphs 39.01.320, 39.02.320 and 39.02.330 of the Australian Customs Tariff.

(f) As a result of the Industries Assistance Commission report on "Railway and Tramway, Locomotives, Rolling Stock etc.", MFN rates of duty on a number of goods were reduced to the level previously set for developing countries. Therefore, the following tariff lines no longer provide a margin of preference for developing countries: 86.01.000; 86.02.900; 86.03.000; 86.04.000; 86.05.000; 86.06.000; 86.07.900; 86.08.000; 86.09.900.