The following communication dated 24 January 1984 has been received from the Permanent Mission of Austria.

With reference to document L/4108/Add.16 I have the honour to notify to you that with effect from 1 January 1984, Austria implemented the fifth stage of duty reductions under the Geneva Protocol (1979) to the GATT (Multilateral Trade Negotiations). The formula for calculating the tariff cut under the Austrian GSP scheme will also be applied on the most-favoured-nation rates thus reduced. As a consequence, preferential duty rates will be reduced accordingly. This improvement of the Austrian GSP scheme results in reduced tariff rates for around 1,900 tariff lines. Due to the high number of tariff lines concerned, no individual description of the tariff situation can be given.