SUBSIDIES

Notifications Pursuant to Article XVI:1

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY

The permanent mission of the Federal Republic of Germany has notified the secretariat that the following additions and amendments should be made to the last full notification of the Federal Republic of Germany on subsidies as contained in document L/4141/Add.8 in order to reflect the present situation.

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Section II is to be replaced as follows:

"II. Subsidies to the national merchant fleet

The Government also grants shipping subsidies for new construction to commercial shipowners in accordance with shipping policy. These grants can amount to 12.5 per cent of the contract price and are not tied to the awarding of contracts to shipyards of a specific country. The grant is subject to repayment in whole, if the ship is sold within six years, and in part thereafter until the end of the tenth year. In the Federal budget for 1976 credits amounting to DM 145 million are provided for the above purpose. Apart from these annual budgetary endowments, limited ERP funds have been available since 1963 for the granting of credits to German commercial owners (1974: DM 45 million). These credits cannot be combined with grants to owners for building new ships. The credits, which likewise are extended in accordance with shipping industry policy, are at present made available to cover up to 70 per cent of the building costs in the shipyards at an interest rate of 7.5 per cent for a period of twelve years including two years of grace and with a rate of disbursement of 98 per cent. Transactions for which such credits are granted represent only about 10 per cent of total orders of German shipowners. This assistance may also be given for ships which are being built abroad."
Section III:

The statistics are to be supplemented as follows:

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Production of German feature films</th>
<th>Releases and first screenings of films, total</th>
<th>Share of German films in distribution turnover in %</th>
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<td>1974</td>
<td>78</td>
<td>359</td>
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