CUSTOMS TARIFF OF ROMANIA

The following communication, dated 6 January 1977, has been received from the Permanent Mission of the Socialist Republic of Romania.

In pursuance of Decree No. 395/1976, published in the Official Gazette of the Socialist Republic of Romania No. 109-110, first part, dated 9 December 1976, the Romanian customs tariff is applied definitively as from 1 January 1977.1

The amendments made by Decree No. 395/1976 to the Romanian customs regulations in force are the following:

(a) 121 tariff headings and sub-headings are exempted from the application of import duties;

(b) For an unspecified period, customs duties will not be applicable on imports of raw materials and other materials, nor on imports of assemblies, sub-assemblies and spare parts intended for production, repair and servicing, totalling approximately 500 partial or complete tariff headings and sub-headings;

(c) Tariff reductions of up to 70-80 per cent have been established in respect of machines, tools, complex installations, assemblies, sub-assemblies and spare parts;

(d) New import facilities are provided (see articles 6, 7 and 8 of Decree No. 395/1976).

The customs tariff is effective and non-discriminatory and is consistent with the relevant provisions of the General Agreement.

1This document (in Romanian) is available upon request from the secretariat (telephone 34 60 11, extension 4489).
The establishment of lower customs duties and, in general, the increased customs facilities for the import of goods under the definitive tariff reflects Romania's desire to participate in the liberalization of international trade that is also the subject of the multilateral trade negotiations currently proceeding within GATT. The level of the customs duties has been established likewise with a view to avoiding an increase in the costs and prices of certain Romanian products in the present world price situation.

The text of the customs tariff brought into force in Romania on an experimental basis on 1 January 1974 was circulated under document L/3989. An explanatory memorandum on the rôle of the Romanian tariff was circulated in document L/4037. Questions put by contracting parties concerning the Romanian customs tariff and the corresponding replies were set forth in document L/4101 and Corr.1. There is also an interim report by the Working Party on the customs tariff of Romania (L/4130).