1. After the accession of the three new member States (Denmark, Ireland, United Kingdom), the European Communities entered into renegotiations with the contracting parties under Article XXIV:6 of the General Agreement.

2. Following those renegotiations, the Commission of the European Communities notified (see GATT document L/4067 of 6 August 1974) that with effect from 1 August 1974, the concessions previously granted by the European Economic Community (Schedule XL), the member States of the European Coal and Steel Community (Schedule XL bis), the United Kingdom - Metropolitan Territory (Schedule XIX, Section A, Parts I and II), Denmark (Schedule XXII) and Ireland (Schedule LXI, Parts I and II) had been withdrawn and were replaced by the concessions in the common customs tariff of the European Communities set forth in Schedules LXXII - European Economic Community and LXXII bis - member States of the European Coal and Steel Community.

3. One copy of these schedules, and a corrigendum thereto, was sent to each contracting party (see second paragraph of document L/4067 and Add.1 thereto of 7 April 1975).

4. The above-mentioned schedules were based on the nomenclature of the common customs tariff of 1973. Since then, modifications in the common customs tariff have required corresponding modifications in the schedules. These are mainly the following:

(a) modifications consequent on amendments to the Customs Co-operation Council nomenclature as set forth in the Recommendation of 18 June 1976. These modifications were made, of course, in compliance with the Community's commitments vis-à-vis its GATT partners. In order to facilitate examination, a list of these modifications together with the relevant explanatory notes is annexed to the present communication;
(b) sub-division of tariff heading 16.02 B III(b)1 so as to define more clearly the uncooked products to which normal Community regulations apply upon importation into the Community. This modification was the subject of a communication to GATT dated 22 March 1977 (see document L/4482 of 25 March 1977);

(c) transformation of specific duties into ad valorem duties in respect of unwrought lead (tariff heading 78.01 A II) and unwrought zinc (tariff heading 79.01 A). This transformation was notified on 23 December 1974 (see GATT document SECRET/224 of 23 December 1974) under Article XXVIII:1 of the General Agreement. The conclusion of the relevant negotiations was notified on 18 December 1975 (see GATT document SECRET/224/Add.3 of 30 December 1975);

(d) certain adjustments of form in the nomenclature, which are designed to simplify and clarify the Common Customs Tariff but in no way affect either the sense or the scope of the Community's commitments.

5. Schedule LXXII includes bound tariff quotas. The EFTA countries (Austria, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Portugal, Sweden and Switzerland) participate to some extent in utilizing this quota. Now, under the agreements concluded between the EEC and these countries, as from 1 July 1977 the free-trade area is achieved in respect of most industrial products, including certain products covered by these quotas (tariff headings ex 54.03 B I a, 70.19 A I a, A III a and A IV b, 73.02 C).

In order to take account of this new situation, the above-mentioned quotas will be reduced by the share formerly taken up by the EFTA countries. Provisionally, these reductions have been calculated on the basis of the general import statistics which do not provide the necessary sub-divisions. An enquiry is currently being made in order to obtain detailed statistics of actual imports for each quota. The reduction fixed on a provisional basis will be corrected, if necessary, on the basis of the results of this enquiry.

6. In accordance with the Decision of the CONTRACTING PARTIES of 19 November 1968 (L/3131) concerning procedures for modification and rectification of schedules annexed to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, and in response to the request made in your letter of 13 July last (reference II/101/EEC), the Commission of the European Communities has the honour to present to the contracting parties Schedules LXXII and LXXII bis attached hereto, which include all the afore-mentioned adjustments and thus correspond to the nomenclature of the Common Customs Tariff updated to 1 January 1978.
The French and English texts of these schedules are authentic. In the event of any discrepancy between the two texts, reference should be made to the version in which the concession was initially negotiated.

One copy in French and one copy in English of this draft consolidated schedule are being addressed to each contracting party.

If no objection is notified to the secretariat within ninety days as from the date of the present document, the draft of Schedules LXXII - European Economic Community, and LXXII bis - member States of the European Coal and Steel Community will be deemed to be approved and will be included in the Fourth Certification of Changes to Schedules.