NOTIFICATION IN PURSUANCE OF PARAGRAPH 3 OF THE UNDERSTANDING REGARDING NOTIFICATION, CONSULTATION, DISPUTE SETTLEMENT AND SURVEILLANCE

Communication from Switzerland

The following communication, dated 21 March 1986, has been received from the delegation of Switzerland.

On 26 February 1986 the Swiss Federal Council decided to introduce the following changes in the Swiss revenue duties and the internal taxation:

1. An increase in the revenue duty on heating oil from Sw F 0.30 to Sw F 4.00 per 100 kg. gross;

2. An increase in the revenue duty on gas and other hydrocarbon fuels in gas form from Sw F 0.10 to Sw F 1.00 per 100 kg. gross;

Both measures are being applied with effect from 27 February 1986.

3. An extension of the general sales tax to the existing revenue duty on gasoline.

This measure will be applied from 1 April 1986.

All these measures are applied identically to imported as well as to domestically produced goods and they do not contain any element of protection for domestic production.

These measures remain subject to the approval by the Parliament.