The following communication, dated 21 January 1991, has been received from the Permanent Delegation of Austria to the GATT.

Austria has notified in GATT document L/6653 dated 19 March 1990, an emergency action under Article XIX in respect of certain types of prepared fowls, falling within Tariff Item No. 1602 39 of the Austrian customs tariff.

This measure has been extended in 1991. The products concerned by this measure are now defined as follows:

ex 1602 39 Fowls of the species Gallus domesticus and guinea fowls, other than those in immediate containers of glass or airtight containers of metal.

The extension of the products covered by this measure has been necessary to prevent the threat of serious injury to domestic producers by circumvention imports.

For these products a quota of 1,100 mt is in force as from 1 January to 30 June 1991.

Austria is ready to hold immediate consultations with any contracting party having a substantial interest in exports of the product concerned to the Austrian market.