AGREEMENT ON INTERPRETATION AND APPLICATION OF ARTICLES VI, XVI AND XXIII OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE DONE AT GENEVA ON 12 APRIL 1979

NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE

I have the honour to inform you that on 15 September 1981 the Government of New Zealand accepted the above-mentioned Agreement. The acceptance was accompanied by the following communication:

"In accepting the Agreement the Government of New Zealand reserves its position with respect to the application of the provisions of Article 19(5)(A) to the extent that the Government of New Zealand shall, without prejudice to the rights and obligations of other signatories under the GATT or the Agreement, take all necessary steps of a general or particular character, to ensure that the laws, regulations and administrative procedures relating to the following export incentive schemes shall be brought into conformity with the provisions of the Agreement within a reasonable period of time:

(I) export market development taxation incentive;
(II) export programme grants scheme;
(III) export manufacturing investment allowance;
(IV) new markets increased exports taxation incentive;
(V) new market development grant;
(VI) export suspensory loans;
(VII) exemption from sales tax of some machinery for export production."
In accordance with the special relationships which exist between New Zealand and the Cook Islands and between New Zealand and Niue, there have been consultations regarding the Agreement between the Government of New Zealand and the Government of the Cook Islands and between the Government of New Zealand and the Government of Niue. Pursuant to Article 19(2)(d) of the Agreement the acceptance of the Government of New Zealand shall not extend the application of the provisions of the Agreement to the Cook Islands and Niue."

In terms of paragraph 4 of its Article 19, the Agreement will enter into force for New Zealand on 15 October 1981.

This notification is furnished in accordance with paragraph 12 of Article 19 of the Agreement.

Arthur Dunkel
Director-General