SECOND DECLARATION
ON THE EXTENSION OF THE STANDSTILL PROVISIONS OF
ARTICLE XVI:4 OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT
ON TARIFFS AND TRADE
DONE AT GENEVA ON 5 MARCH 1964

STATEMENT RECEIVED FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRIA

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that the Government of Austria has transmitted to me the following statement concerning the application to Austria of paragraph 6 of the Second Declaration on the Extension of the Standstill Provisions of Article XVI:4:

"Austria, by virtue of constitutional rules, is not in a position to consider as applicable to herself the provisions of paragraph 6 of the Second Declaration on the Extension of the Standstill Provisions of Article XVI:4 as this Declaration was unknown when Austria accepted the Declaration Giving Effect to the Provisions of Article XVI:4. In conformity with Austrian Federal Constitution, acceptance of international agreements should be limited to texts existing at the time when acceptance is made effective.

Therefore, Austria cannot be considered as a party to the Second Declaration on the Extension of the Standstill Provisions of Article XVI:4."
"It should be pointed out, however, that Austria being a party to the Declaration Giving Effect to the Provisions of Article XVI:4 has abolished export subsidies on products other than primary products. The standstill provisions as contained in the above-mentioned "Second Declaration" would therefore not be applicable to the legal situation existing in Austria."

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

E. Wyndham White
Director-General