ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF SECRET DOCUMENTS

The Executive Secretary of the CONTRACTING PARTIES to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade presents his compliments, and has the honour to recall to the attention of the recipients of secret documents the importance of adequate security arrangements for the handling of these documents.

The procedures adopted by the CONTRACTING PARTIES authorizes the despatch of two copies of each secret document to each government. The receipt, attached to each document at the time of despatch, should be signed and returned to the secretariat so that a check can be maintained on the delivery and receipt of the documents. In examining receipt forms returned by recipients it has been noted that from time to time the receipt of certain documents is not acknowledged, and in some cases acknowledgement is consistently overlooked. To enable the secretariat to discharge its responsibility in handling the despatch of secret documents, it is essential that the recipients should return the receipt forms promptly.

The Executive Secretary hopes that, in view of the importance of these secret documents, all recipients will give their full co-operation to the secretariat in its endeavour to maintain an effective control.

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