AGREEMENT CREATING AN ASSOCIATION BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY AND TURKEY (L/2155/Add.1)

Questions Posed by Contracting Parties to GATT

The Association Agreement

Question 1: Do the contracting parties to the Agreement consider that the Agreement is consistent with the provisions of Article XXIV of GATT? Do they consider that Articles 1 to 8 of the Agreement and Article 1 of the Provisional Protocol meet the requirements of paragraph 5(c) of Article XXIV? - and, if so, how are these requirements met?

Question 2: What positive measures, in addition to those provided for in the Agreement, do the member States of the Community propose to take, pursuant to Article 3, to assist the economy of Turkey to reach as quickly as possible a level of economic development which would enable Turkey to adopt a specific plan and schedule leading to a full customs union?

Question 3: Does the Agreement affect the intentions of the Government of Turkey regarding quantitative restrictions on imports from member States of the Community and from other contracting parties to GATT?

The Provisional Protocol

Question 4: Would the provisions of Article 1 (or of any other relevant Article) permit prolongation of the preparatory stage beyond eleven years?

Question 5: Do the provisions of Article 1 and, more generally, the provisions of the Association Agreement exclude the invocation of paragraph 10 of Article XXIV of GATT?

Question 6: Article 2 provides for annual tariff quotes for imports into the member States of certain products from Turkey. How do the contracting parties to the Agreement propose to reconcile this preferential treatment with the provisions of GATT?
Question 7: Will the member States of the Community promptly inform the CONTRACTING PARTIES to GATT of any decision under Article 4 to increase the tariff quotas provided for in Article 2? May it be assumed that the member States, in deciding upon any such increase, will take into account the interests, existing and potential, of other contracting parties to GATT which export these products, and that they will take steps to mitigate the trade impact of tariff quotas on other suppliers? Are tariff quotas for any other products contemplated?

Question 8: Do the "measures" envisaged in Article 6 include preferential tariff quotas or other treatment contrary to the most-favoured-nation principles of GATT? Would the CONTRACTING PARTIES to GATT be afforded an opportunity to examine any proposals to introduce such measures?

Question 9: Can illustrative examples be given of the type of measures envisaged under Article 7? Would the member States take steps to protect the interests of other suppliers of these products?