TRADE NEGOTIATIONS

Participation of Malawi

The secretariat has received from the Government of Malawi the following statement which was transmitted together with the schedule of concessions of Malawi granted in the Kennedy Round.

It will be appreciated that the full offers of other countries, and in particular those of the main developed countries, are not yet available to this Government. However, it is already clear that the partial or entire loss of various preferential margins previously enjoyed by Malawi in important markets has worsened the competitive position of Malawi therein. It is noted with regret that, in respect of these losses of preference, Malawi has not yet received direct reciprocity, in the form of a lowering of barriers in other markets, to provide at least fully compensatory increases in market opportunities for the commodities concerned.

It is therefore the view of this Government that Malawi has made a very significant net contribution to the Kennedy Round over and above its formal offer. It is understood that negotiations may be expected at an early date with a view to making further concessions to the developing countries in order to improve their present positions. Therefore, in submitting Malawi's final offer, I am to say that the Government of Malawi will pay close attention to such negotiations and will look for the compensation which, regrettably, has not been offered during the Kennedy Round.