The secretariat has received the following communication from the Permanent Representative of Greece.

In view of the imminence of the resumption of the Kennedy negotiations and their extension to agricultural products, I have the honour to state hereunder my country's position in this regard:

By virtue of its Association Agreement with the European Economic Community, Greece is in a special situation with respect to the Kennedy negotiations.

Thus, on the basis of the proposals which I made on behalf of my Government in my letter of 4 February 1965 (reference No. 157/C.ED) and which were reproduced in document TN.64/37 of 12 February 1965, the Trade Negotiations Committee at its meeting on 18 March 1965 recognized the right of Greece to full and complete participation in the Kennedy negotiations (document TN.64/SR.10 of 14 April 1965).

The reasons that justified that decision remain valid today with respect to Greece's offers in the agricultural sector, for its association with the EEC is leading the Contracting Parties towards a complete customs union which will be attained through the harmonization of the agricultural policy of Greece with the Common Agricultural Policy of the EEC.

Such harmonization of the agricultural policies of Greece and the EEC will involve alignment of the Greek agricultural sector with that of the EEC, by means of the adoption by Greece of the system of unity of prices, of the Common Agricultural Policy and consequently of the protective régime applied by the EEC with respect to third countries (support margins).
Thus, so far as the agricultural sector is concerned, the position of Greece in the context of the Kennedy negotiations is identical in all respects to that of the EEC, in regard both to products for which Common Agricultural Policy regulations have been established within the Community and to the other agricultural products.

Indeed, with respect to the former, Greece declared to the EEC in due time that it was prepared to harmonize its agricultural policy with the Common Agricultural Policy. The relevant procedure is under way.

As regard the other agricultural products, it must be considered certain that Greece will apply the Common Agricultural Policy of the EEC, in view of the fact that, by virtue of the scope of the customs union as provided for in the Association Agreement, Greece will necessarily have to accede to the protective régime to be established within the EEC. So far as Greece is concerned the application of this régime will consist of a common organization of the market or of protective measures vis-à-vis third countries by the adoption of the duties set forth in the common external tariff, either independently or in conjunction with the determination of a reference price.

It is therefore evident that the offers of the EEC in the agricultural sector will constitute per se the offers of Greece for its participation in the Kennedy negotiations.