Note by the Delegation of the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland

1. The Government of the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland is concerned about the possibility of adverse effects to the Federation's economy from certain aspects of the provisions relating to the association of the overseas territories in the European Economic Community. There are, in its opinion, a number of products of Rhodesia and Nyasaland, production of which would be stimulated in the overseas territories of the Six owing to the preferential entry accorded to them by virtue of paragraph 1 of Article 133 of the Treaty. Items which are of particular concern are tobacco, maize, and oil seeds and their derivatives.

2. It has been observed that the Common Market tariff against third countries on tobacco has been fixed at 30 per cent, which is considerably in excess of the arithmetical mean, vide document L/736. In the case of maize it is understood that, while the duty would be based on the arithmetical mean, it may be subject to seasonal variation in accordance with the agricultural policies of the Community.

3. With regard to oil seeds, it is noted that the tariff has been fixed at 0 per cent, but the rate for expressed oils, crude, refined or purified, has still to be determined. The Federation's particular interests are in groundnuts and groundnut oil, and tung oil.

4. The Federation is also interested in the export of tea. While it does not apprehend the prospect of damage to its interests in this commodity, it would nevertheless wish to be kept informed of developments.

5. In these, as with all agricultural commodities, the Federation is also interested in action which might be taken by the Six in furtherance of the provisions of Title II of Part Two of the Treaty.

6. It is desired also to take this opportunity to place on record the Federation's interest in the treatment which is intended for the following products:—copper, cadmium, cobalt, chrome ore and chrome alloys, and wattle bark extract.
7. It appears that all the products referred to in this paper are included in one or other of the schedules of concessions of the Six.

8. Additional to the specific products mentioned above, the Federation is mindful of the trade which it has developed, and which it would expect to expand, with the African territories of France and Belgium. It would be regrettable if action taken under the Treaty, whether by tariffs or other means, militated against this development, which is to the mutual advantage of the territories of the Six and their trading partners in Africa.