At its meeting on 16 December 1975 Group "Agriculture" agreed to pursue its work in accordance with the procedural suggestions in document MTN/W/24 and, as an initial step, to undertake a process of information, examination and dialogue with respect to all tariff and non-tariff measures affecting agricultural products other than those covered by the product Sub-Groups. To this end, the countries concerned would notify to the secretariat any tariff and non-tariff measures affecting the agricultural products defined above that are of direct interest for their trade. Bilateral or plurilateral consultations would be organized, with the assistance of the secretariat, on the basis of the notifications received.

In accordance with this procedure, the attached notification has been received from European Communities.
NOTIFICATION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES REGARDING BULGARIA

At its meeting on 16 December 1975, Group "Agriculture" agreed to undertake a process of information, examination and dialogue with respect to all tariff and non-tariff measures affecting agricultural products other than those covered by the product Sub-Group; it was further agreed that the countries concerned would notify to the secretariat any tariff or non-tariff measures affecting the products defined above that were of interest for their trade in order that bilateral or plurilateral consultations might take place. In pursuance of that decision, the European Economic Community wishes to enter into bilateral consultations with Bulgaria and hereby communicates the following:

The Community finds that the People's Republic of Bulgaria is a net exporter of agricultural products, and in particular of fresh and preserved fruit and vegetables, and as such has responsibility as regards competitive conditions, more especially in the above-mentioned sector.

The Community also finds that its exports of agricultural products to Bulgaria, which are very small in comparison with that country's total agricultural products, come up against the problem of the impossibility of obtaining adequate information on the decisions that determine the country's imports. Moreover Bulgarian imports from the Community fluctuate appreciably from one year to another, and this results in uncertainties and difficulties in regard to trade.

From the overall aspect, because of the lack of information and detailed statistics concerning production, consumption as well as trade under certain agreements concluded by Bulgaria and bearing on international trade policy, it is not possible to make adequate forecasts concerning that country's participation in the world market.

The Community reserves the possibility to supplement this communication if necessary.