At its meeting of April 1975, the Sub-Group "Quantitative Restrictions" agreed that the two draft texts on Licensing Procedures reproduced on pages 15-19 of MTN/NTM/W/2 should be the starting point for the Sub-Group's continuing work, and that delegations so desiring would propose in writing to the secretariat for distribution, specific alterations to the two draft texts giving the reasons therefor, in time for discussion at the next meeting of the Sub-Group. (MTN/NTM/2, paragraph 9(i) and (vii), and GATT/AIR/1167.)

The following communication has been received from the United Kingdom delegation on behalf of Hong Kong.

In accordance with the agreement reached in the Sub-Group "Quantitative Restrictions" and recorded at paragraph 9(vii) of MTN/NTM/2, I am instructed to communicate to you on behalf of Hong Kong the following proposal for an alteration to the draft text at Annex II of MTN/NTM/2.

In paragraph 10 (page 18) add a second sentence to read as follows:

"In exceptional cases, e.g. in the interest of public security, the reasons may be withheld."