The following communication, dated 29 November 1990, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Israel.

I was instructed by my authorities to communicate the following with regard to Israel’s proposal for the negotiation of tariff reductions in the Uruguay Round.

Israel’s offer on tariffs was submitted in the form of a print-out copy, and can be examined by the interested participants. For technical reasons it has not been possible yet to insert description in an official GATT language. The document contains two lists covering items from Chapter 25 up to Chapter 97. One list contains over 2200 items which we propose to bind on the level of 5 per cent, although for most of them the applied rate is 0.

The second list contains products on which we propose to bind 4700 items. The offer includes reductions between 20 and 50 per cent compared with the rate of 1986. The base rate in our offer refers to the 1988 rate. We could not specify the 1986 rate because of the change to the HS nomenclature which took place in January 1988.

Israel’s offer is conditional upon the satisfactory results of the negotiations.