The following communication dated 26 October 1990, has been received from Peru.

With reference to communication MTN.GNG/NG3/W/37 from the European Communities, of which the Annex contains a list of non-tariff measures relating to trade in natural resource-based products that includes Peru, we wish to state the following, for the information of the European Communities and participants in the Negotiating Group on Natural Resource-Based Products.

(a) With regard to differential exchange rates for exports of zinc and lead products, such differential rates are no longer applied, without any exception whatsoever.

(b) With regard to the import prohibition on aluminium products, on 11 August 1990 the Government enacted Supreme Decree 228-90-EF, of which article 10 provides for the elimination of the import prohibitions established by Supreme Decree 068-87-PCM of 18 June 1987, with the exception of a small list of thirteen tariff headings, not including aluminium. In addition, Supreme Decree 257-90-EF of 20 September subsequently also eliminated this short list, with the result that at present no item of the Peruvian tariff is affected by such a measure.

(c) Finally, with regard to the discretionary import licensing on products of copper, lead, nickel and zinc (including zinc ash and residues), article 11 of the above-mentioned Supreme Decree 228-90-EF has suspended the prior import licensing requirement.