The following communication, dated 16 May 1991, has been received from the delegation of Peru.

I have the pleasure to refer to the important trade liberalization process undertaken autonomously by the Government of Peru.

In this connection and further to my notes GATT/025 of 12 October 1990 and GATT/06 of 16 April 1991, I wish to inform you that, on 22 March 1991, the Peruvian Government approved Supreme Decree 060-91-EF whereby procedures and arrangements hindering the import and export of goods are abolished.

With effect from 24 March 1991, the relevant provision of the above Supreme Decree removes all non-tariff restrictions, licences, decisions, prior authorizations, consular authorizations, import registration, registration of importers and exporters, administrative requirements, permits, prior approval and prior conditions of any type affecting the import or export of goods in Peru, with the exception of the prohibitions laid down in the Single List of Products Prohibited for Export, restrictions deriving from foreign-exchange regulations and restrictions established for reasons of health, protection of the cultural heritage and the environment, conservation and protection of national flora and fauna and protection of public order and the security of the Republic.

With regard to the report on developments in international trade and the trading system (C/RM/0V/2, 12 April 1991) that you recently presented to the Council, I appreciate the mention of various unilateral measures undertaken by the Peruvian Government as part of an "outward-looking trade policy ... as a key element in efforts to promote sustained economic growth".

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In the context of the market access consultations and in reference to the Note by the Secretariat (Document 562(3) 17 April 1991) listing the liberalization measures taken by participants in the Uruguay Round, I should be most grateful if, in the section on Peru, the secretariat would add the various non-tariff barriers that Peru has removed autonomously, which are referred to above and listed in Supreme Decree 060-91-EF attached hereto.

The Peruvian delegation would appreciate this information being circulated to participants in the Uruguay Round market access negotiations with a view to obtaining recognition of the above measures as autonomous trade liberalization measures, in accordance with the mandate set out in the Montreal Mid-Term Review document.
SUPREME DECREE 060-91-EF

THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC,

CONSIDERING:

That it is necessary to adopt measures leading to the liberalization of foreign trade operations, with a view to consumers obtaining access to more goods at more favourable prices and of higher quality;

That, to that end, it is desirable to eliminate obstacles such as licenses, decisions, prior authorizations, registers, etc., which hinder operations relating to the import or export of goods and thereby adversely affect the attainment of the above-mentioned objective;

That the tariff reform initiated by the Government requires enterprises to be given total freedom in defining levels of incorporation of domestic components and in modifying their production processes, so that they may better adapt to international competition;

That the considerations contained in the foregoing paragraphs must not impair necessary intervention by the State in controlling goods imported into the country, in order to protect the environment, public health and national security;

That, in accordance with the policy of simplifying administration and the corresponding simplification of formalities, it is also desirable to facilitate import and export operations to the greatest possible extent;

In the exercise of the powers conferred by Article 211, paragraph 20 of the Political Constitution of Peru:

With the favourable vote of the Council of Ministers; and

With accountability to Congress;

HEREBY DECREES:

Article 1. As of this date, all restrictions of a para-tariff nature, licences, decisions, prior authorizations and Consular authorizations, import registration, registers of importers or exporters, administrative requirements, permits, prior approval and prior conditions of any type affecting the import or export of goods in the country are hereby repealed, with the exception of the prohibitions laid down in the Single List of Products Prohibited for Export, restrictions deriving from foreign-exchange regulations and restrictions established for reasons of public health, protection of the cultural heritage and the environment, conservation and protection of national flora and fauna, and protection of public order and the security of the Republic.
Article 2. All legal provisions in force which impose products, quotas or minimum percentages or the obligation to incorporate domestic components for goods produced in the country are hereby repealed. Similarly, all legal provisions in force that establish minimum assembly processes or require prior authorization or decisions concerning production processes are hereby repealed.

Article 3. This Supreme Decree shall be endorsed by the President of the Council of Ministers, the Minister of the Economy and Finance and by the Minister of Industry, Domestic Trade, Tourism and Integration.

DONE AT Government House, Lima, on the twenty-second day of March nineteen hundred and ninety-one.

ALBERTO FUJIMORI FUJIMORI, Constitutional President of the Republic

CARLOS TORRES Y TORRES LARA, President of the Council of Ministers and Minister of Foreign Affairs

CARLOS BOLOÑA BEHER, Minister of the Economy and Finance

VICTOR JOY WAY ROJAS, Minister of Industry, Domestic Trade, Tourism and Integration