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THE MEASUREMENT OF AGRICULTURAL PROTECTIONInterim Report of Study GroupCorrigendum

The following amendments should be made:

Page 4, paragraph 17 should read:

"17. So far as the calculations of total protection for the agriculture of a country is concerned, the protection resulting from price support would be calculated by applying the indicated price differences to the quantities marketed. The total amount of non-price aids to agriculture as a whole would then be added to the total of price aids as calculated above, and the sum total of these price and non-price aids would then be expressed as a proportion (a) of the total value of output and (b) of the net national income from agriculture. This formula is predicated on the assumption that the price-aids for those products that could not be individually included in the calculations (see paragraph 8) are taken into account by an informed global estimate. (For example: price-aid for 80 per cent of total output is calculated commodity by commodity; the price-aid for the remaining 20 per cent is globally estimated.) This procedure could lead to appreciable errors in countries in which the commodities for which direct price comparison is feasible were found to fall substantially below 100 per cent of the total. On the other hand, however, the calculation of the contribution to net national income of the commodities not covered, as would be necessary for excluding their share, would be equally open to error; and if calculated as a simple proportionate share of gross output, could also introduce an error of principle. For instance, this latter procedure would fail to express any judgment on the degree of protection in the farm sectors not examined - which might be much lower or much higher than protection in the sectors included."

Page 8, paragraph G. Sugar, last line:

"unilateral" should read "multilateral".