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## INDIVIDUAL STANDARDIZING AND CERTIFYING BODIES

Note by the Secretariat

### Addendum

The following communication has been received from the delegation of Hungary.

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At the meeting of the Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade on 4th March, 1982, the Hungarian delegation announced that its views on the standardizing and certifying activity of individual bodies, put forth at the meeting, would be presented also in writing /see point 4 of Section D of Document TBT/M/9/.

The position of the Hungarian delegation is as follows:

In compliance with our previous written statement /see indent /2/ on page 13 of Document TBT/6/, in Hungary ministries qualified as governmental bodies and organizations with national competence are authorized to introduce standards, in accordance with the Code.

On the basis of Decree No. 19/1976 MT, the President of the Hungarian Standards Office is authorized to issue national standards, while sectoral ministers and heads of organizations with national competence are entitled to issue sectoral standards /indent /1/ of para. 3 of Decree No. 19/1976 MT/.

The Hungarian Standards Office is the central organ with national competence to direct and supervise standardization, under the direct supervision of the Council of Ministers /indents Nos. /1/ and /3/ of para. 16 of Decree No. 19/1976 MT/.

All products are subject to national standardization. Apart from this, only company standards exist which are for the requirement of the given company exclusively. Thus, in accordance with Annex No. 1 of the Code, these standards do not fall within the Code.

In the light of the above, according to the position of the Hungarian delegation, information concerning the Hungarian Standards Office and its standardizing activity is not subject of Document TBT/W/44 on the individual standardizing and certifying bodies.

Nevertheless, the Hungarian delegation has even up to now supplied - in due time and at the proper fora - the most important relevant data on the standardizing activity of the Hungarian Standards Office and all other standardizing governmental bodies. Thus, appropriate information can be found on the preparation, application and publication of Hungarian standards - including also the national standards issued by the Hungarian Standards Office - on pp. 13, 45 and 61 of Document TBT/6 and on p. 21 of Supplement 1 of Document TBT/6.

The Hungarian delegation is available - also in the future - for the supplying and publication of all information relating to the Hungarian Standards Office, that can be required in compliance with the Code.