INFORMATION ON MEASURES AFFECTING TRADE SUBMITTED
BY THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA

Note by the Secretariat

1. This note has been prepared by the secretariat in order to facilitate the discussions in the Committee regarding Exercise A, as was suggested by the Chairman at the meeting in June 1983 (AG/M/2, paragraph 23). It summarizes the information provided by the Republic of Indonesia in document AG/FOR/IDN/1.

2. The information supplied covers all agricultural products falling within CCCN Chapters 1 to 24, i.e. 176 CCCN headings at the four-digit level; no other products or headings are included.

Measures affecting exports

3. The Government of the Republic of Indonesia has indicated that there are no export subsidies or other forms of export assistance in the sector of agriculture. In order to prevent or relieve critical shortages of foodstuffs or other essential products, the Government, however, imposes a tax on exports of seven items under the provisions of Article XI:2(a), and classifies it under the symbol (a).

Measures affecting imports

(i) Tariffs and GATT bindings

4. Of the 176 CCCN headings, only six are bound under the GATT Article II (Schedule XXI), with classification (f). Other six items are partially bound and are, therefore, classified under (c). No reference is made to the preferential rates applicable for some countries.

(ii) Other measures

5. Other measures affecting imports of agricultural products include an internal sales tax (column 9), sanitary and phyto-sanitary measures (SN, PSN), licensing (L), global quota (GQ) and State trading (ST).

6. Bulk of the agricultural imports (75 items) are subject to an internal sales tax which is applied under the provisions of Article III and is classified under the symbol (f).

7. Sanitary and phyto-sanitary regulations are applied under Article XX:b for imports of 49 agricultural products, and are classified under (a).

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8. Licensing is used for imports of 45 CCCN headings under the provisions of Article XVIII and classified as (f).

9. Global quota under the provisions of the International Sugar Agreement and, therefore, in conformity with GATT Article XX:h is used for sugar (CCCN heading 17.01) and is classified under (f).

10. State trading exists for seven CCCN positions and sub-positions under Article XVII, and is classified under (f).

Summary

- 56 measures have been classified under (a)
- none has been classified under (b)
- 6 measures have been shown under (c)
- none has been shown under (d)
- 230 measures have been classified under (f)