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**REPORT (1995) OF THE TOKYO ROUND COMMITTEE
ON IMPORT LICENSING**

1. This report, submitted under Article 5.5 of the Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures, sets out developments in the implementation and operation of the Agreement since the Committee's last report on 17 November 1994 (L/7556).
2. The Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures entered into force on 1 January 1980. As at 12 October 1995, there were 29 signatories to the Agreement: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bolivia, Canada, Chile, Czech Republic, Egypt, the European Communities, Finland, Hong Kong, Hungary, India, Japan, Mexico, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Philippines, Poland, Romania, Singapore, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland and Yugoslavia.¹ Argentina and Bolivia have signed the Agreement subject to ratification.
3. The following 31 governments have observer status in the Committee on Import Licensing: Bangladesh, Brazil, Bulgaria, China, Chinese Taipei, Colombia, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Gabon, Ghana, Indonesia, Israel, Jamaica, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Malta, Nicaragua, Peru, the Russian Federation, Senegal, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, the United States, Venezuela and Zaïre. Two international organizations, IMF and UNCTAD, attend meetings of the Committee in an observer capacity.

Developments since the Committee's last report

4. During the period under review, the Committee has held two meetings, on 3 May 1995 (LIC/M/36), and 12 October 1995 (LIC/M/37). The Committee has held 37 regular meetings since the Agreement came into force.²
5. The current status of replies to the questionnaire by signatories (issued as addenda to L/5640) is annexed.
6. At its meeting on 3 May 1995, the Committee took note of a communication from the United States notifying its decision to withdraw from the Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures and to follow the meetings of the Committee in an observer capacity. The withdrawal from the Agreement took effect as from 28 February 1995.
7. At its meeting on 12 October 1995, the Committee adopted a Decision to terminate the Tokyo Round Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures on 1 January 1996. The Decision provides, in the light of unforeseen circumstances, for the Parties to postpone the date of termination by no more than one year (LIC/25).

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¹Refers to the former Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

²A note on a special meeting of the Committee held in April 1985 concerning the implementation of the Agreement with respect to developing countries is contained in document LIC/8.

ANNEXAGREEMENT ON IMPORT LICENSING PROCEDURESStatus of Replies to GATT Questionnaire by Signatories

| <u>Signatory</u> | <u>Document No.</u> | <u>Date of most recent reply</u> |
|----------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| Argentina | L/5640/Add.27/Rev.1 | 14.10.94 |
| Australia | Add.13/Rev.8 | 12.10.94 |
| Austria | Add.35/Rev.2 | 06.10.94 |
| Bolivia | Add.51 and Corr.1 | 25.10.93 |
| Canada | Add.10/Rev.5 | 10.12.93 |
| Chile | Add.8/Rev.1 and Suppl.4 | 25.06.91 |
| Czech Republic | Add.38/Rev.1 | 27.10.92 |
| Egypt | Add.37 and Corr.1 | 24.10.86 |
| European Communities | Add.21/Rev.1 and Suppl.1-3 and Rev.2 and Suppl.1-2 | 30.09.91 |
| Finland | Add.6/Rev.3 | 20.12.93 |
| Hong Kong | Add.36/Rev.8 | 04.11.94 |
| Hungary | Add.12/Rev.1 and Suppl.2 | 27.04.90 |
| India | Add.7/Rev.6 and Corr.1 | 16.11.94 |
| Japan | Add.28 and Suppl.1 and Corr.1 | 16.10.89 |
| Mexico | Add.41 and Corr.1 | 20.10.87 |
| New Zealand | Add.18/Rev.3 | 16.07.93 |
| Nigeria | ... | ... |
| Norway | Add.2/Rev.4 and Suppl.1 | 30.09.94 |
| Pakistan | Add.25 and Suppl.1 | 13.11.86 |
| Philippines | Add.26/Rev.4 | 19.03.93 |
| Poland | Add.39/Rev.1 | 23.09.88 |
| Romania | Add.32/Rev.2 | 30.04.93 |
| Singapore | Add.33/Rev.2 | 31.10.90 |
| Slovak Republic | Add.38/Rev.1 | 27.10.92 |
| Slovenia | ... | ... |
| South Africa | Add.17/Rev.4 and Suppl.2 | 15.09.94 |
| Sweden | Add.14/Rev.6 | 11.02.94 |
| Switzerland | Add.19/Rev.1 and Suppl.3 | 25.10.93 |