The following communication, dated 15 October 1992, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Australia.

On 5 December 1991, the Minister for Industry, Technology and Commerce announced in Parliament the decisions the Government had taken on reforms for Australia's anti-dumping and countervailing legislation following a report from the Senate Standing Committee on Industry, Science and Technology and an inquiry conducted by the Department of Industry, Technology and Commerce.

Legislation to give effect to part of the Government's decision was passed by Parliament in June and proclaimed on 10 July 1992. Legislation to give effect to the balance of the decision - relating to the method of imposing and collection of anti-dumping and countervailing duties - is expected to be considered by Parliament in the latter half of 1992.

The amendments proclaimed on 10 July addressed the following issues:

- timeframes and procedures for the initiation of anti-dumping and countervailing preliminary finding enquiries;
- price undertakings;
- measures against concurrent dumping and subsidization;
- the extension of sunsets from 3 years to 5 years; and
- a minor technical change to the provisions relating to the standing of primary producers.
The following documents relating to the legislation and announcement described above have been submitted to the secretaries of the Committee on Anti-Dumping Practices and the Committee on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures:

- Customs legislation (Tariff Concessions and Anti-Dumping) Amendment Act 1992 (No. 89 of 1992)
  - together with the Explanatory Memorandum for the introduction of the above legislation, and the Second Reading speech by the Minister;

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