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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

**REQUEST FOR A DOCUMENT CONTAINING A COMPENDIUM ON THE
OPERATION OF ENQUIRY POINTS IN DIFFERENT PARTIES**

Communication from the Secretariat

At its forty-sixth meeting on 2 November 1993, the Committee requested the secretariat to prepare a document which contains a compendium on the operation of enquiry points in different Parties. Such consolidated information might be useful for new members setting up their enquiry points.

In order to provide the secretariat with the necessary material to prepare the background document, signatories are invited to complete the attached questionnaire and return it to the secretariat before 15 March 1994.

Operation of Enquiry Points in different Parties

Please fill in the spaces below and put an "X" at [] where appropriate.

(If more than one enquiry point is established by a Party, separate responses should be given for each of them.)

Name of Party: _____

1. Name of enquiry point: _____
(Please indicate if your enquiry point covers a special group of products, technical regulations, standards or certification systems.)
2. Name of government agency which is responsible for your enquiry point:

3. Number of staff employed in your enquiry point: _____
4. What is the nature of your enquiry point?
- a private establishment [] - a governmental establishment []
5. Is your enquiry point a member of the following?
- member of ISO [] - member of ISONET []
6. Are the following facilities or services offered at your enquiry point?
- database [] - database in more than one language []
- hotline [] - translation []
7. Is any brochure issued to publicize your enquiry point? []
8. Are there any charges for the following services?
- providing information [] - providing documents []
- hotline [] - translation []
9. Are the following languages used at your enquiry point?
- English [] - French [] - Spanish []

10. What are the responsibilities of your enquiry point other than answering enquiries?
- notifying the GATT secretariat under Articles 2 and 7 of the Agreement []
 - responding to comments from other Parties []
 - consultation with other Members []
 - participating in preparing comments addressed to other Parties []
 - other (please describe) _____
11. What do you do with the incoming notifications?
- announce in publication []
 - disseminate to interested industries or bodies []
 - review by special work group or committee []
 - other (please describe) _____
12. What do you do with the incoming comments?
- forward to relevant governmental agencies for action []
 - handle by special group or committee []
 - other (please describe) _____