

8 MARCH 1973

SUBJECT: NEGOTIATIONS UNDER ARTICLE XXIV:6 FOLLOWING THE ENLARGEMENT OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

1. THE WORKING PARTY ON ACCESSION TO THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES AGREED AT ITS MEETING ON 6 AND 7 FEBRUARY 1973 THAT DETAILED RENEGOTIATIONS UNDER ARTICLE XXIV:6 SHOULD BEGIN ON 12 MARCH 1973.
2. A COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES CONCERNING THE NEGOTIATIONS HAS BEEN CIRCULATED IN DOCUMENT L/3887. THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES HAS ALSO MADE AVAILABLE CUSTOMS CARDS CONTAINING DETAILED INFORMATION ON CUSTOMS DUTIES AND GATT BINDINGS FOR ALL ITEMS AND SUB-ITEMS IN THE TARIFFS OF THE COMMUNITIES AND THE THREE ACCEDEING COUNTRIES. CONTRACTING PARTIES WHICH HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED SETS OF THESE CARDS CAN OBTAIN THEM FROM THE GATT DOCUMENTS REPRODUCTION SECTION (ROOM 101, ANNEX II - TELEPHONE 34 60 11, EXTENSION 4473).
3. IT IS EXPECTED THAT CARDS CONTAINING IMPORT STATISTICS WILL BE AVAILABLE SHORTLY.
4. CONTRACTING PARTIES WISHING TO ENTER INTO RENEGOTIATIONS UNDER ARTICLE XXIV:6 ARE INVITED TO NOTIFY THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES (AT 37-39 RUE DE VERMONT, GENEVA) AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. SUCH CONTRACTING PARTIES SHOULD ALSO TRANSMIT TO THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES A LIST OF CLAIMS OF INTEREST (AS INITIAL NEGOTIATOR, PRINCIPAL SUPPLIER OR AS HAVING A SUBSTANTIAL INTEREST) IN THE CONCESSIONS TO BE RENEGOTIATED. A COPY OF SUCH LISTS SHOULD, IF POSSIBLE, BE SENT TO THE SECRETARIAT.

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