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Question Posed by AUSTRALIA Concerning
the Article XVII Notification of ISRAEL¹

The following communication, dated 5 March 1997, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Australia.

We note that Israel's revised notification of state trading enterprises does not include the Israeli Cotton Production and Marketing Board and the Agricultural Export Company (AGREXCO). Both of these enterprises appear to fall within the WTO working definition of state trading enterprises with AGREXCO, in particular, having considerable market power. Does Israel plan to notify these organizations as state trading enterprises to the WTO and if not, why not?

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