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## STATE TRADING

### Question posed by the UNITED STATES concerning the New and Full Article XVII Notification of EGYPT<sup>1</sup>

The following communication, dated 14 May 1999, has been received from the Permanent Mission of the United States.

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#### Question

Egypt indicates that it has no enterprises that receive exclusive or special privileges as defined in Article XVII of the GATT 1994. Could Egypt explain the authorities and conditions under which the General Authority of Supply Commodities (GASC) imports wheat? Does GASC import wheat only for domestic food assistance programmes or does it import wheat for commercial sales as well? What percentage of Egypt's wheat imports are handled by GASC? If 75 per cent of the flour milling capacity is owned by the Egyptian national government, are GASC's purchases for its state-owned mills? Does GASC purchase wheat for the private sector as well?

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