

## SUBSIDIES

### NOTIFICATIONS PURSUANT TO ARTICLE XVI.1 OF THE GATT 1994 AND ARTICLE 25 OF THE AGREEMENT ON SUBSIDIES AND COUNTERVAILING MEASURES

## CUBA

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

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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Cuba to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations in Switzerland has the honour to inform the WTO Secretariat that, in accordance with the obligations of the Republic of Cuba under Article 25 of the Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures and Article XVI.1 of GATT 1994, after an exhaustive and lengthy review of the current legislation, one which the competent authorities have undertaken for the first time, we wish to report to the Committee on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures that so far no measures have been found to exist that require notification because they are specific within the meaning of Article 2 of the Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures and Article XVI.1 of GATT 1994.

The Republic of Cuba has in recent years been reviewing and modifying its economic policy to make it compatible with the macroeconomic objective of reincorporation in the international market, despite the difficulties for the economy caused by the step-up in the blockade to which we are unjustly subjected by the Government of the United States.

In this context and as a Member of the WTO, the country is making a major effort to cover and respect the rules stemming from the WTO Agreements.

The competent authorities in this matter will continue to go further and ascertain whether subsidies inconsistent with the Agreement on Subsidies are being applied.

Should the answer be in the affirmative, the appropriate notification will be made immediately, in recognition of the fact that, as established in Article 25.7 of the Agreement, notification of a measure does not prejudice either its legal status under GATT 1994 or the Agreement on Subsidies, the effects under the Agreement or the nature of the measure itself.