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Question Posed by the UNITED STATES Concerning the Article XVII Notifications of ROMANIA¹

The following communication, was received 14 November 1997 from the Permanent Mission of the United States.

In document G/STR/N/2/ROM, Romania notified that "there have been no changes in state trading activities in Romania". In its initial notification, G/STR/N/1/ROM, Romania indicated that it had no STE's as defined under Article XVII.

Q. We understand that the National Agency for Agricultural Products (ANPA) continues to be responsible for functions such as purchasing, storage and management of grain reserves. We also understand that many of the corporations spun off from the former ROMCEREAL (a monopoly importer) remain majority state-owned. These firms engage in international commerce. Please clarify the role of ANPA and whether the other firms that were spun off from ROMCEREAL have any special rights or privileges.

¹G/STR/N/1/ROM, G/STR/N/2/ROM.