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**Working Party on State Trading Enterprises**

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## STATE TRADING

### Reply to Question Posed by New Zealand<sup>1</sup> Concerning the Article XVII Notification of El Salvador<sup>2</sup>

The following communication, dated 14 July 1997, has been received from the Permanent Mission of El Salvador.

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#### Question

**From El Salvador's Trade Policy Review Report (24 October 1996) there appear to be few state trading enterprises following the extensive economic reforms since 1989. The Secretariat's Report does indicate that the National Sugar Institute (INAZUCAR) has a monopoly on marketing sugar, but it "is in the process of being privatized" (paragraph 47).**

**Could the El Salvador delegation confirm that INAZUCAR's monopoly has been terminated?**

#### Reply

With reference to communication 36/10/2 of 24 February 1997, I wish to inform you that INAZUCAR does not at present have a monopoly.

The Institute's monopoly on marketing sugar abroad was terminated in 1990. In addition, the majority of the sugar refineries it owned have been privatized and only three remain, which will be privatized this year.

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