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Replies of EL SALVADOR¹ to Questions Posed by KOREA²

The following communication, dated 25 October 1996, has been received from the Permanent Mission of El Salvador.

The delegation of Korea comments that our legislation does not provide for the progressive liberalization of safeguard measures which take more than one year. This is not the case.

The Central American Regulations on Safeguard Measures, circulated by the Secretariat under symbol G/SG/N/1/SLV/2, provide in Article 34 that: "A safeguard measure that has been adopted may be reviewed, at the request of a party or *ex officio*, at any time during its application, in accordance with the provisions of the WTO Safeguards Agreement". Likewise, Article 26(f) of the said Regulations provides that a final resolution must contain the timetable for the phasing-out of the measure adopted, and this is one of the decisions which WTO Member countries are obliged to notify to the Committee on Safeguards in accordance with Article 12.1 of the Agreement on Safeguards. Consequently, the timetable for the liberalization of the measure will be set out in the final resolution notified to the WTO and will be subject to review in accordance with the provisions of the Agreement on Safeguards.

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