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Question Posed by the UNITED STATES Concerning the Article XVII Notification of MEXICO¹

The following communication, was received 8 July 1997 from the Permanent Mission of the United States.

In its communication dated 17 February 1997 (G/STR/N/1/MEX), Mexico states that it does not maintain any State Trading Enterprises. However, it is our understanding that Compania Nacional de Subsistencias Populares (CONASUPO) may indeed fall within the definition of a state trading enterprise as delineated under Article XVII. For the purposes of the WTO, and within the parameters set forth under Article XVII, could Mexico please submit a revised notification with a more detailed explanation of the activities of CONASUPO, as well as any other STE if applicable, following the STE notification guidelines and format?

¹G/STR/N/1/MEX.