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## STATE TRADING

### Questions Posed by the UNITED STATES Concerning the Article XVII Notification of TURKEY<sup>1</sup>

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

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In document G/STR/N/3/TUR, Turkey indicated that all the special rights and privileges for the Turkish Grain Board and the special rights and privileges for the Turkish State Monopolies (TEKEL) for whisky and wine sourced for the Turkish Import Regime are abolished.

Q. Our understanding is that the Soil Products Office (Turkish Grain Board) had the authority to operate as an intervention agency and import and export on behalf of the government. Could Turkey please explain what specific changes have occurred with respect to the Turkish Grain Board's special rights and privileges?

Q. Our understanding is that TEKEL had the exclusive right to import (and produce) a range of alcoholic products. Could Turkey please explain what specific changes have occurred with respect to TEKEL's special rights and privileges?

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<sup>1</sup>G/STR/N/3/TUR.