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**NOTIFICATION CONCERNING THE DECISION UNDER PARAGRAPH 1
OF ANNEX III OF THE AGREEMENT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF
ARTICLE VII OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON
TARIFFS AND TRADE 1994**

EGYPT

The following communication, dated 17 January 2001, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Egypt.

With reference to the Customs Valuation Committee's Decision adopted on 21 July 2000, delaying further Egypt's application of the provisions of the WTO Agreement on Customs Valuation until 30 June 2001, Egypt is to report by 30 January 2001 to the Committee on Customs Valuation on the progress in fulfilling the work program in Attachment 1, and on the status of its implementation of the WTO Agreement on Customs Valuation as well as the terms and conditions of this Decision.

Enclosed is Egypt's status report regarding the progress achieved up to date in implementing the said program.

**STATUS REPORT REGARDING THE PROGRESS ACHIEVED IN IMPLEMENTING
EGYPT'S WORK PROGRAMME IN THE FIELD OF CUSTOMS VALUATION**

Subject	Progress achieved
Legislative amendments and issuance of related by-laws, decisions and regulations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The necessary legislative amendments have been introduced by the Presidential Decree No. 160 for the year 2000, amending some provisions of the customs law No. 66 of 1963, especially those related to articles 22, 23 on valuation. • It is to be noted that the draft executive by-law of the amended legislation had been prepared and is now being circulated to competent governmental and private sector bodies for comments.
Restructuring the organizational framework of the customs valuation, legal affairs and reviews departments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Egypt had already finalized the structural framework for the legal affairs department and the reviews department, yet the restructuring of the valuation research department is still underway.
Setting the necessary training programs for the customs employees as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing scientific training material and trainers • Preparing the training sites and providing them with the necessary equipment • Tackling the theoretical and practical phases of the training programs that had to be provided to around 5000 employees. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training material and trainers were provided, training of 1250 employees was finalized to date, and the rest will finalize their courses according to the time schedule agreed upon in this concern. • Training courses are being set as well for those dealing with customs authorities (traders, businessmen, etc.) to explain the Agreement on Customs Valuation as well as the legislative amendments introduced to the Law 66/1963 in accordance. • Ten senior customs officials received training courses in the U.S. and other countries to study the application of customs valuation mechanisms, and benefit from the experience of these countries. • Some of the training facilities were provided and the rest will be provided to all customs authorities employees within the deadlines set forth in the work program in major cities, namely Cairo, Alexandria, Port Said, Suez and Arish. • A booklet containing ways for and basis of determining the value in accordance with the Customs Valuation Agreement had been published and will be distributed shortly amongst all customs authorities employees, in addition to a number of circular brochures containing further explanation as regards the implementation of the said means.