June 18, 1990

AGREEMENT ON TRADE IN HIGH-QUALITY BEEF

Delegations from the Coordination Council for North American Affairs (CCNAA) and the American Institute in Taiwan (AIT) met in Taipei, Taiwan on June 18, 1990, to discuss trade in high-quality beef (special-quality beef). At the close of the discussions, the two sides agreed to the following:

- 1. CCNAA and AIT reaffirm their agreement that the CCNAA tariff concession for bovine meat contained in the 1978 and 1979 MTN agreements shall apply to all carcasses or cuts of beef officially graded or certified as "prime" or "choice" by U.S. standards.
- 2. CCNAA agrees to add to its CCC Code by August 1, 1993, the following categories for special quality beef:
 - Special-quality shin/shank, short plate, brisket, ribs, rib finger, of bovine animals, with bone in, fresh or chilled.
 - Special-quality shin/shank, intercostals, short plate, brisket, ribs, rib finger, thin flank, of bovine animals, boneless, fresh or chilled.
 - Special-quality shin/shank, short plate, brisket, ribs, rib finger, of bovine animals, with bone in, frozen.
 - Special-quality shin/shank, intercostals, short plate, brisket, ribs, rib finger, thin flank, of bovine animals, boneless, frozen.
- 3. CCNAA further agrees that the tariff rate applicable to the categories specified in paragraph 2 shall be 30 NTD/kg as from March 8, 1990, until July 31, 1993. CCNAA agrees to restore the tariff on these categories of special-quality beef to 23.8 NTD/kg effective August 1, 1993.
- 4. CCNAA authorities agree to reduce, effective August 1, 1990 through January 31, 1995, the import duty on all other categories of special-quality beef not specified in paragraph 2 to 20.0 NTD/kg. CCNAA further agrees to reduce, effective August 1, 1990 through January 31, 1995, the import duty on the products covered under the following tariff numbers to 30 percent ad valorem:

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5. CCNAA and AIT reaffirm that any further modifications in the tariff concessions of these items will be undertaken in

accordance with the procedures laid out in GATT Article XXVIII.

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6. This agreement shall take effect upon the conclusion of a Technical Addendum between CCNAA and AIT which clearly defines the specifications of beef cuts covered by the tariff categories specified in paragraph 2. CCNAA and AIT agree to conclude this Addendum by June 30, 1990.

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