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National Security Decision Memorandum 65

TO: The Secretary of State  
The Secretary of Treasury  
The Secretary of Agriculture  
The Secretary of Commerce  
The Secretary of Labor

SUBJECT: Tariff Preferences for Developing Countries

The President has decided to amend NSDM 29 as follows:

1. The United States will no longer insist that all major developed countries adopt a common scheme as a condition of U.S. participation in a system of generalized tariff preferences for the developing countries, subject to Congressional approval. This decision amends numbered paragraph 4 of NSDM 29. We will, of course, continue to insist on equitable burden sharing among the donor countries.

2. The elimination of reverse preferences which the U.S. will require of developing countries in order for them to benefit from U.S. tariff preferences may be phased out over a reasonable period of time, not to extend beyond 1975. This amends numbered paragraph 6 of NSDM 29.

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