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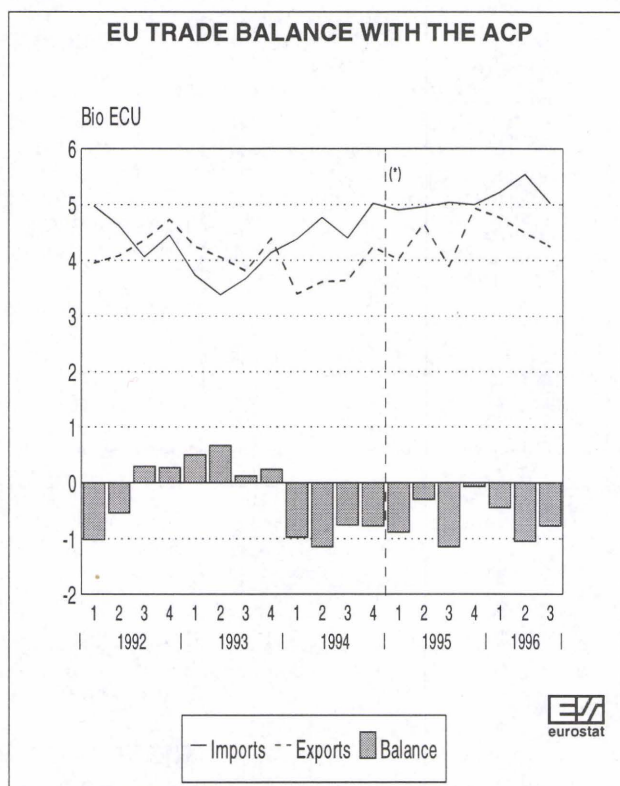
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EUROPEAN UNION (*) TRADE WITH AFRICAN, CARIBBEAN AND PACIFIC COUNTRIES (ACP)

-Results until September 1996-

PART I. SUMMARY



I.1 The trade balance of EU with the ACP countries showed a deficit of -2.3 bio ECU during the first three quarters of 1996. Even if the imports and exports growth rates showed a gap of 1.5 percentage points, the trade balance remained practically unchanged due to the differences in absolute values compared to the first three quarters of 1995. The shares of the ACP remained stable at almost 4% of the total extra-EU imports and 3% of the total extra EU-exports. The cover ratio in value (export/import) improved by one point.

I.2 EU imports from ACP registered 15.8 bio ECU in the first nine months of 1996 (1995: up 6%). The main imports were Agricultural products (5.4 bio ECU), Mineral products including Fuel (4.2 bio ECU), and Pearls and Metals (2.4 bio ECU). Exports to the ACP countries grew 7.5%, reaching 13.5 bio ECU. They were mainly concentrated in Machinery, Mechanical Appliances and Transport Equipment with 6.3 bio ECU. Chemical products (1.9 bio ECU) and Agricultural (1.7 bio ECU) followed.

I.3 EU trade with other developing countries (**) showed a surplus of 8.3 bio ECU in the same period. Imports recorded 120 bio ECU (28.2% of extra-EU imports) and were mainly concentrated in Minerals including Fuel (27.3 bio ECU) and Raw hides, textiles and footwear (24.4 bio ECU). EU exports to this group (128.3 bio ECU) accounted for 28.5% of extra-EU exports and were highly concentrated in the Machinery, Mechanical Appliances and Transport Equipment (60.6 bio ECU).

TABLE I. EU TRADE BALANCE VIS-A-VIS THE ACP AND OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (Mio ECU)⁽¹⁾

	TOTAL TRADE				NON-OIL TRADE			
	1995 I - IV	1995 I - III	1996 I - III	1996 III	1995 I - IV	1995 I - III	1996 I - III	1996 III
EU imports from the ACP	19 893.8	14 896.7	15 776.0	5 018.9	15 806.1	11 815.6	12 174.7	3 905.6
EU exports to the ACP	17 495.8	12 563.1	13 502.1	4 245.8	17 053.2	12 220.2	13 064.9	4 102.3
EU trade balance with the ACP	-2 398.0	-2 333.6	-2 273.9	- 773.1	1 247.0	404.6	890.2	196.7
Export / import ratio %	87.9	84.3	85.6	84.6	107.9	103.4	107.3	105.0
EU imports from Other dev. countries	148 624.3	110 528.8	120 008.2	40 558.8	119 164.3	88 655.9	95 661.5	32 145.1
EU exports to Other dev. countries	169 142.3	122 544.0	128 287.6	43 406.9	166 593.6	120 648.2	126 051.5	42 659.0
EU trade balance with Other dev. c.	20 518.0	12 015.2	8 279.4	2 848.1	47 429.2	31 992.3	30 390.1	10 514.0
Export / import ratio %	113.8	110.9	106.9	107.0	139.8	136.1	131.8	132.7

⁽¹⁾ External Trade Statistics (Imports CIF, Exports FOB). Source EUROSTAT. For footnotes (*) and (**) see last page.



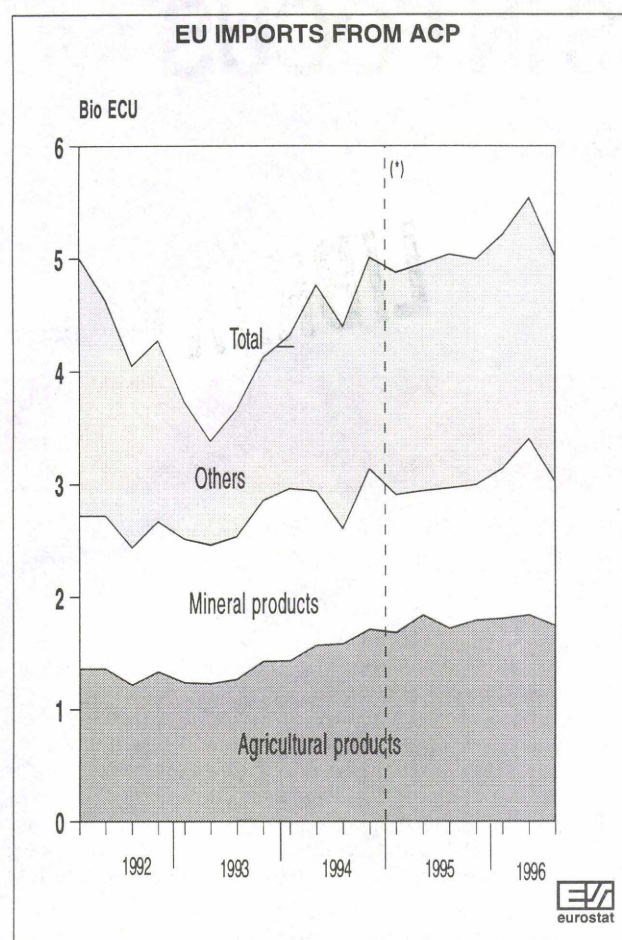
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PART II. EU IMPORTS FROM THE ACP AND OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES




II.1 During the first nine months of 1996, EU imports from the ACP countries increased by 5.9% compared to the previous year, reaching 15.8 bio ECU. The share of the ACP remained stable at 3.7% of the total extra-EU imports. The increase in imports of the ACP was just in line with the growth rate of the extra-EU imports (5.5%) as a whole. On the other hand, EU imports from other developing countries showed an increase of 8.6% (120 bio ECU) over the same period.

II.2 Agricultural (CN 1-24) products continued to be the most imported goods by the EU. Imports reached 5.4 bio ECUs in the first three quarters of 1996 and covered 34% of the total, even if their value increased by only 2.3%. Mineral products (CN 25-27) followed with 4.2 bio ECU, showing a sharp increase of 16.7% over the same period in 1995. However, the most dramatic import growth was shown by Machinery and transport equipment (CN 84-89) (45.1%). Meanwhile Wood, cork and paper (CN 44-49) recorded the largest fall (-21.4%) between the first nine months of 1995 and 1996.

II.3 In first three quarters of 1996, the EU purchased 10.4% more of Mineral products from the other developing countries, recording 27.3 bio ECU and covering 22% of the total. Raw hides, textiles and footwear (CN 41-43 and CN 50-67) also accounted for an important share of 20% that amounted 24.4 bio ECU. Machinery and transport equipment (CN 84-89) and Agricultural products (CN 1-24) followed with values bigger than 1.9 bio ECU each. As with the ACP countries, the value of EU imports of Wood, cork and paper (CN 44-49) from other developing countries also fell sharply (-16%).

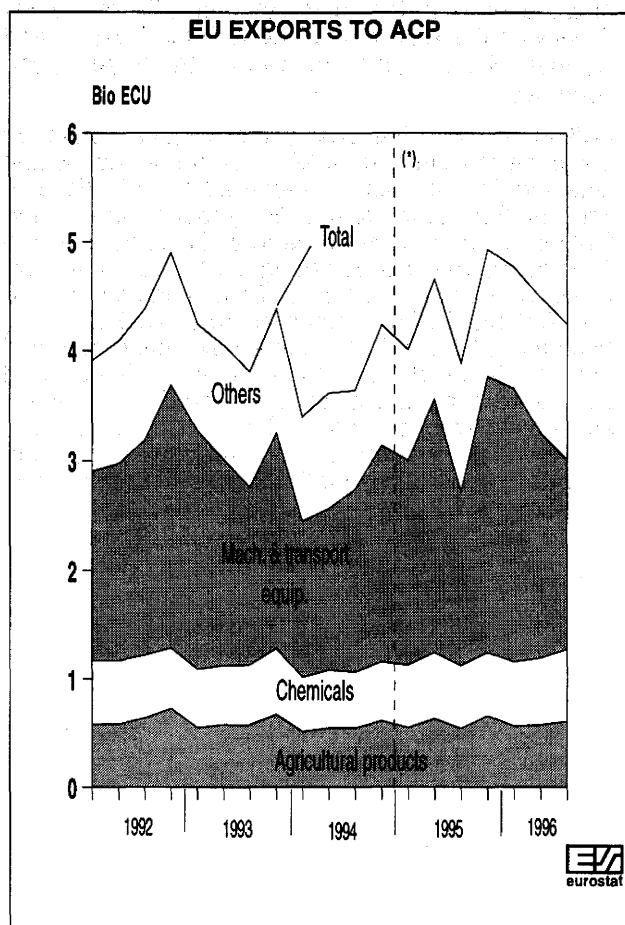
TABLE II. EU IMPORTS FROM THE ACP AND OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

TRADE BY PRODUCTS (CN) ⁽¹⁾	1995 I - IV	1996 I	1996 I - II	1996 I - III	96 / 95 I	96 / 95 I - II	96 / 95 I - III
							
	Mio ECU				% var. on corresp. period		
ACP TOTAL							
TOTAL (00-99) ⁽²⁾	19 893.8	5 214.9	10 757.1	15 776.0	6.3	9.1	5.9
Agricultural products (1-24)	7 067.7	1 808.7	3 648.6	5 393.7	5.7	2.7	2.3
Mineral products (25-27)	4 769.9	1 327.6	2 887.8	4 165.8	8.4	24.3	16.7
Chemicals (28-40)	820.8	179.3	346.5	530.3	- 14.8	- 20.1	- 14.7
Wood, cork and paper (44-49)	1 289.4	273.2	554.8	798.5	- 20.0	- 21.7	- 21.4
Raw hides, textiles, footwear (41-43) + (50-67)	1 373.4	379.8	731.5	1 134.1	14.2	8.3	7.9
Pearls, metals (71-83)	3 326.2	782.9	1 615.7	2 420.3	- 4.7	5.7	- 1.7
Machinery, transport equipment. (84-89)	1 084.7	401.2	843.1	1 135.0	79.8	52.6	45.1
Other (68-70) + (90-99)	135.1	30.7	72.2	116.6	- 10.0	3.4	15.7
OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES							
TOTAL (00-99) ⁽²⁾	148 624.3	39 622.2	79 449.3	120 008.2	7.2	8.0	8.6
Agricultural products (1-24)	24 377.9	6 144.1	12 967.5	19 142.4	4.0	4.8	3.7
Mineral products (25-27)	33 237.8	8 450.4	17 910.9	27 293.4	2.7	6.6	10.4
Chemicals (28-40)	8 870.9	2 336.5	4 716.8	6 997.9	3.3	6.5	5.9
Wood, cork and paper (44-49)	4 316.6	961.3	1 845.1	2 771.7	- 10.6	- 15.0	- 15.9
Raw hides, textiles, footwear (41-43) + (50-67)	29 722.6	8 594.1	15 655.9	24 379.1	3.8	5.0	6.8
Pearls, metals (71-83)	13 898.4	4 095.2	7 748.5	11 104.3	25.4	15.1	9.1
Machinery, transport equipment. (84-89)	23 648.3	6 369.0	13 137.0	19 518.9	12.5	15.0	15.6
Other (68-70) + (90-99)	9 300.6	2 313.9	4 681.3	7 604.0	17.7	14.9	15.1
MEMORANDUM ITEMS							
- EXTRA-EU	544 810.6	142 524.0	287 026.3	425 225.5	5.9	5.7	5.5
- ACP / Extra-EU (in %)	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.7			
- ACP / other developing countries (in %)	13.4	13.2	13.5	13.1			
- Other developing countries / Extra-EU (in %)	27.3	27.8	27.7	28.2			

⁽¹⁾ Combined nomenclature.

⁽²⁾ Code 00 corresponds to confidential transactions.

PART III. EU EXPORTS TO THE ACP AND OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES



III.1 The overall growth rate of EU exports to the ACP increased by 7.5% reaching a value of 13.5 bio ECU, between the first three quarters of 1995 and 1996. This was just below the corresponding rate for the total EU exports to the rest of the world (8.3%). The shares of the ACP and of the other developing countries in the total extra-EU exports remained stable at 3%, and 28.5% respectively.

III.2 Along with the previous year, around 50% of EU exports to the ACP were in the Machinery, Mechanical Appliances and Transport Equipment (CN 84-89) sector. During the first nine months of 1996, the latter sector registered a value in exports of 6.3 bio ECU, showing an increase of 8.8% just above the average. Next in line came Agricultural products (CN 1-24) and Chemicals (CN 28-40) with around 1.8 bio ECU each, covering more than 10% of EU exports to the region. The most notable growth rates were registered by Mineral products (CN 25-27) and Wood, cork and paper (CN 44-49) which increased 28% and 16% between the third quarter of 1995 and 1996.

III.3 During the analysed period, the value of EU exports to the other developing countries registered 128.3 bio ECU. As in the case of the ACP countries, almost half of EU sales were concentrated in the Machinery, Mechanical Appliances and Transport Equipment (CN 84-89). Chemicals (CN 28-40) followed with 17.4 bio ECU, covering 14% of the market (up 6.5% compared to the same period of 1995). Among the primary products, the dynamic performance displayed by Mineral products (CN 25-27) (+18%) was partially offset by the fall in Agricultural products (-12%).

TABLE III. EU EXPORTS TO THE ACP AND OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

TRADE BY PRODUCTS (CN) ⁽¹⁾	1995	1996	1996	1996	96 / 95	96 / 95	96 / 95
	I - IV	I	I - II	I - III	I	I - II	I - III
	Mio ECU				% var. on corresp. period		
ACP TOTAL							
TOTAL (00-99) ⁽²⁾	17 495.8	4 767.3	9 256.3	13 502.1	18.7	6.7	7.5
Agricultural products (1-24)	2 381.1	560.6	1 134.2	1 742.4	1.8	- 4.0	1.1
Mineral products (25-27)	572.1	162.1	372.8	557.3	4.1	24.4	27.6
Chemicals (28-40)	2 367.6	599.2	1 222.4	1 889.5	3.1	2.2	6.3
Wood, cork and paper (44-49)	576.7	148.8	310.0	493.5	22.9	15.0	16.2
Raw hides, textiles, footwear (41-43) + (50-67)	740.3	180.0	368.1	546.6	2.9	1.2	3.3
Pearls, metals (71-83)	1 406.3	328.6	698.4	1 031.5	13.8	12.8	- 2.0
Machinery, transport equipment. (84-89)	8 299.5	2 494.2	4 552.2	6 291.1	33.0	8.7	8.8
Other (68-70) + (90-99)	986.4	233.0	467.2	743.7	4.4	- 0.1	4.9
OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES							
TOTAL (00-99) ⁽²⁾	169 142.3	40 716.3	84 880.7	128 287.6	- 1.7	1.7	4.7
Agricultural products (1-24)	14 038.6	3 088.0	6 015.8	9 046.3	- 10.1	- 16.6	- 12.2
Mineral products (25-27)	3 196.8	895.9	1 845.5	2 794.0	17.1	14.4	18.1
Chemicals (28-40)	21 789.5	5 403.8	11 375.2	17 434.3	- 0.7	3.3	6.5
Wood, cork and paper (44-49)	5 597.5	1 327.5	2 731.7	4 167.8	- 1.9	- 1.3	- 0.8
Raw hides, textiles, footwear (41-43) + (50-67)	8 519.9	2 174.4	4 466.8	6 496.6	- 0.6	3.2	4.7
Pearls, metals (71-83)	18 628.8	4 726.9	9 626.4	14 313.6	3.6	5.3	5.4
Machinery, transport equipment. (84-89)	83 151.7	18 880.5	40 122.4	60 654.7	- 7.0	- 0.9	2.3
Other (68-70) + (90-99)	11 302.3	2 877.7	5 794.0	8 801.2	12.2	8.0	8.5
MEMORANDUM ITEMS							
- EXTRA-EU	569 033.3	143 683.6	297 274.6	449 703.9	4.8	6.3	8.3
- ACP / Extra-EU (in %)	3.1	3.3	3.1	3.0			
- ACP / other developing countries (in %)	10.3	11.7	10.9	10.5			
- Other developing countries / Extra-EU (in %)	29.7	28.3	28.6	28.5			

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PART IV. EU-ACP TRADE BY PARTNER COUNTRIES

IV.1 In the first three quarters of 1996, the EU experienced trade deficits with the following ACP regions: West Africa (1.2 bio ECU), Southern Africa (0.8 bio ECU), Central Africa (0.5 bio ECU), and Australasia (0.3 bio ECU). Small surpluses were recorded with East and North Africa with 0.3 bio ECU and in Central and South America with 0.2 bio ECU.

IV.2 West Africa continued to be the EU's most important trading partner among the ACP regions. The EU imported almost 7 bio ECU and exported 5.8 bio ECU to these countries. Each flow represented around 42-44% of the total trade with the ACP countries. EU's flows to Central Africa followed with 2.9 bio ECU in imports and 2.4 bio ECU in exports, which represented 18% of the total trade with the ACP. Next in line came Southern Africa with 2.6 bio ECU in imports and 1.8 bio ECU in exports, accounting for 16% of the total EU-imports and 14%

of EU-exports to the ACP. Another 20% of the EU flows with the ACP took place with the Eastern and Northern African and Central and South American countries.

IV.3 In line with the past years, Nigeria continued being the most important ACP partner during the first nine months of 1996. It recorded 3.2 bio ECU in imports (20% of the total of EU imports) and 1.7 bio ECU in exports (13% of the total EU exports to the ACP countries). The EU bought 10% from the Ivory Coast with a value of 1.5 bio ECU, and sold around 6% (0.8 bio ECU). Cameroon (0.9 bio ECU) and Mauritius (0.7 bio ECU) came next, each covering around 5% of all the imports. Congo, Gabon and Ghana were important outlets for the EU with values accounting around 0.8 bio ECU each. In the Eastern and Northern African region, Kenya was the most important country; with 0.6 bio ECU both in imports and exports.

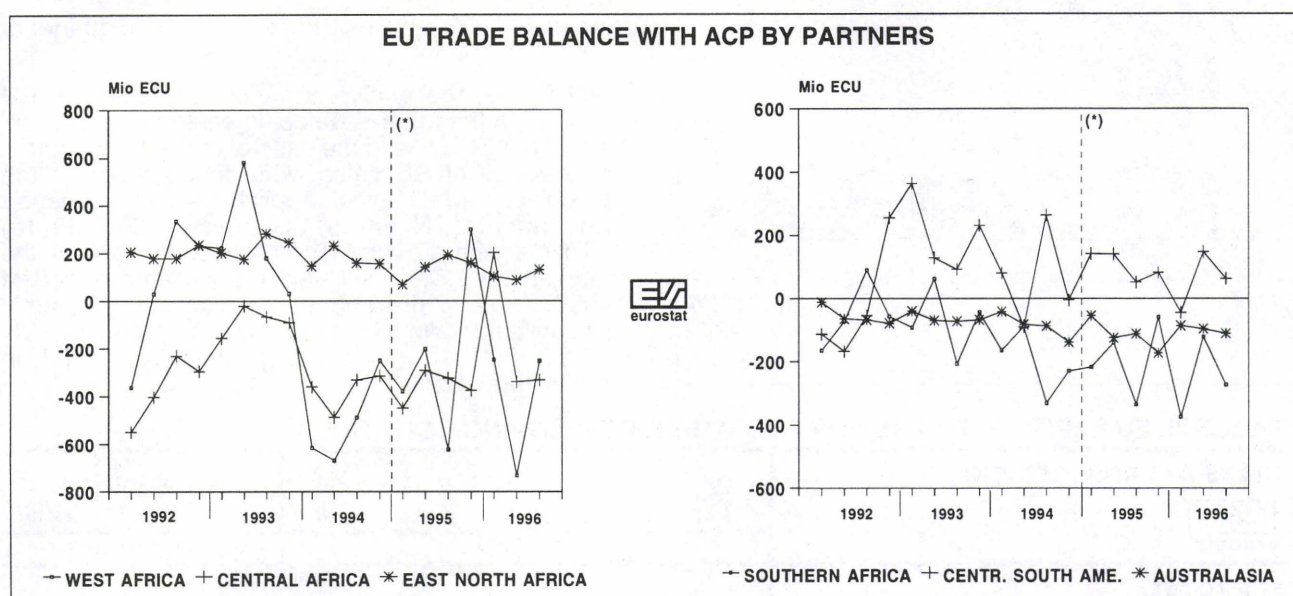


TABLE IV. EU-ACP TRADE BY PARTNER COUNTRIES (Mio ECU)

ACP		1995 I - IV			1995 I - III			1996 I - III		
Codes (1)	PARTNER COUNTRIES	IMPORT	EXPORT	BALANCE	IMPORT	EXPORT	BALANCE	IMPORT	EXPORT	BALANCE
	WEST AFRICA	8 599.2	7 875.6	- 723.6	6 441.4	5 418.0	- 1 023.4	6 985.0	5 752.7	- 1 232.3
284	Benin	58.0	270.4	212.4	50.4	193.1	142.8	57.3	203.0	145.7
236	Burkina Faso	52.4	169.3	117.0	42.4	120.8	78.4	33.9	134.6	100.7
247	Cape Verde	7.4	146.0	138.5	5.2	104.0	98.8	7.8	107.7	99.8
244	Chad	80.0	71.7	- 8.3	63.1	49.9	- 13.2	57.8	67.8	10.0
272	Ivory Coast	2 067.8	1 185.8	- 882.0	1 586.4	911.3	- 675.1	1 517.7	845.0	- 672.8
252	Gambia	103.4	69.1	- 34.3	72.3	49.1	- 23.2	96.4	56.9	- 39.5
276	Ghana	839.2	743.8	- 95.4	661.4	516.5	- 144.9	666.1	718.5	52.4
260	Guinea	310.3	270.2	- 40.0	236.5	193.0	- 43.5	248.5	204.7	- 43.9
257	Guinea Bissau	15.7	44.3	28.7	12.7	32.4	19.7	18.8	31.9	13.1
268	Liberia	637.4	1 240.1	602.7	440.5	597.3	156.8	410.9	356.6	- 54.4
232	Mali	66.7	234.0	167.3	54.3	159.9	105.6	82.7	197.8	115.2
228	Mauritania	257.2	233.0	- 24.2	197.6	174.5	- 23.2	201.7	188.8	- 12.9
240	Niger	120.9	119.3	- 1.6	97.1	86.5	- 10.6	20.6	85.2	64.7
288	Nigeria	3 442.4	2 053.1	- 1 389.4	2 491.7	1 474.4	- 1 017.3	3 186.3	1 738.3	- 1 448.0
248	Senegal	369.7	714.9	345.2	298.7	527.5	228.8	256.3	588.1	331.8
264	Sierra Leone	94.4	80.3	- 14.1	73.6	56.5	- 17.1	71.9	68.2	- 3.8
280	Togo	76.3	230.0	153.7	57.4	171.3	113.9	50.2	159.8	109.6

(1) Geonomenclature EUROSTAT.

TABLE IV. EU-ACP TRADE BY PARTNER COUNTRIES (Mio ECU)

Codes	ACP	1995 I - IV			1995 I - III			1996 I - III		
	PARTNER COUNTRIES	IMPORT	EXPORT	BALANCE	IMPORT	EXPORT	BALANCE	IMPORT	EXPORT	BALANCE
	CENTRAL AFRICA	3 679.1	2 237.7	-1 441.4	2 785.1	1 719.1	-1 066.0	2 875.2	2 406.4	- 468.7
302	Cameroon	1 174.7	564.0	- 610.7	919.5	408.6	- 510.9	885.2	442.2	- 443.1
306	Central African Rep.	112.8	64.4	- 48.4	87.0	48.3	- 38.7	83.4	41.1	- 42.3
318	Congo	718.0	478.0	- 240.0	482.0	393.9	- 88.1	579.4	811.5	232.0
310	Equatorial Guinea	29.1	29.6	0.5	19.6	18.7	- 0.8	21.8	48.6	26.8
314	Gabon	798.7	719.4	- 79.3	618.6	564.3	- 54.2	669.6	771.6	102.0
311	Sao Tome and Principe	3.8	24.1	20.3	2.3	16.9	14.6	4.2	16.3	12.1
322	Zaire	842.0	358.2	- 483.8	656.2	268.3	- 387.9	631.5	275.2	- 356.2
	EAST AND NORTH AFRICA	2 034.0	2 598.7	564.7	1 531.7	1 936.3	404.6	1 601.6	1 922.7	321.1
328	Burundi	144.5	78.0	- 66.5	119.6	61.6	- 58.1	55.2	50.4	- 4.8
338	Djibouti	49.8	131.7	81.9	36.4	101.9	65.4	19.6	83.3	63.7
334	Ethiopia	229.7	468.2	238.5	176.3	342.9	166.6	202.1	329.3	127.2
336	Eritrea	1.6	63.5	62.0	0.5	42.9	42.4	18.0	52.7	34.7
346	Kenya	646.7	857.0	210.3	476.7	650.2	173.5	560.3	661.7	101.4
324	Rwanda	30.7	54.2	23.4	16.0	39.4	23.3	27.2	45.3	18.1
342	Somalia	18.7	20.1	1.4	15.4	15.6	0.2	15.4	11.1	- 4.2
224	Sudan	172.1	280.0	107.9	133.1	198.3	65.2	133.8	209.9	76.1
352	Tanzania	202.3	315.9	113.6	151.1	235.4	84.3	161.1	226.4	65.3
350	Uganda	356.3	182.2	- 174.1	276.6	139.8	- 136.8	271.2	127.6	- 143.6
378	Zambia	181.6	148.0	- 33.6	129.9	108.4	- 21.4	137.7	125.0	- 12.7
	SOUTHERN AFRICA	3 393.0	2 641.3	- 751.8	2 522.7	1 829.7	- 693.0	2 573.5	1 804.8	- 768.7
330	Angola	561.4	799.1	237.7	434.5	436.7	2.2	502.4	515.9	13.5
391	Botswana	62.8	87.6	24.8	47.3	67.9	20.6	68.2	82.4	14.2
375	Comoros	5.7	27.6	21.9	4.7	19.7	15.1	3.8	18.5	14.7
395	Lesotho	20.2	28.9	8.7	12.6	24.3	11.7	27.5	17.6	- 10.0
370	Madagascar	346.2	248.3	- 97.9	238.1	182.0	- 56.1	257.0	181.9	- 75.1
386	Malawi	141.0	68.5	- 72.6	102.5	52.7	- 49.8	114.8	45.5	- 69.3
373	Mauritius	1 020.4	650.6	- 369.8	770.2	533.2	- 236.9	707.3	362.6	- 344.7
366	Mozambique	81.8	141.9	60.0	51.9	100.9	49.0	58.2	104.7	46.5
389	Namibia	370.1	137.7	- 232.5	276.0	78.8	- 197.2	226.2	106.0	- 120.2
355	Seychelles and dep.	17.3	52.1	34.8	12.5	35.4	22.9	15.5	40.9	25.4
393	Swaziland	127.2	28.5	- 98.7	91.2	14.6	- 76.7	105.9	16.2	- 89.7
382	Zimbabwe	638.8	370.5	- 268.3	481.2	283.4	- 197.8	486.8	312.7	- 174.1
	CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA ⁽²⁾	1 628.4	2 046.0	417.6	1 250.3	1 585.1	334.8	1 361.8	1 528.8	167.0
459	Antigua and Barbuda	8.9	67.1	58.2	5.7	34.3	28.6	8.6	59.0	50.4
453	Bahamas	231.9	510.5	278.6	175.5	470.4	294.9	152.0	501.4	349.3
469	Barbados	33.9	156.5	122.6	28.9	129.9	101.0	74.0	60.3	- 13.7
421	Belize	80.9	33.0	- 47.9	64.1	26.7	- 37.4	68.1	16.3	- 51.8
460	Dominica	21.6	28.2	6.6	20.6	22.7	2.0	16.9	16.9	0.0
456	Dominican Republic	223.2	341.1	118.0	175.9	244.3	68.4	187.0	284.6	97.7
473	Grenada	6.7	14.0	7.2	5.3	10.5	5.1	13.5	11.7	- 1.9
488	Guyana	146.0	72.5	- 73.5	97.1	54.2	- 43.0	99.9	66.0	- 34.0
452	Haiti	28.9	90.0	61.2	20.7	64.4	43.7	23.2	51.5	28.4
464	Jamaica	368.1	240.0	- 128.0	279.1	170.5	- 108.7	376.3	139.0	- 237.2
449	St Christopher & Nevis	10.7	14.6	3.9	10.6	9.7	- 0.9	8.7	10.0	1.3
465	St Lucia	58.9	42.0	- 16.8	44.8	33.3	- 11.4	50.7	24.2	- 26.5
467	St Vincent	44.6	80.2	35.5	27.0	46.0	19.0	35.9	25.7	- 10.2
492	Surinam	136.6	88.9	- 47.8	111.9	63.9	- 48.0	84.4	68.2	- 16.2
472	Trinidad and Tobago	227.4	267.3	39.9	183.1	204.4	21.4	162.6	194.0	31.3
	AUSTRALASIA, OCEANIA AND OTHER ⁽³⁾	560.1	96.6	- 463.5	365.6	74.9	- 290.7	378.9	86.6	- 292.3
815	Fiji	112.3	25.0	- 87.3	64.7	18.6	- 46.1	93.6	17.6	- 75.9
812	Kiribati	0.1	1.2	1.1	0.1	1.2	1.1	0.0	0.5	0.5
801	Papua New Guinea	405.5	52.2	- 353.3	269.2	41.3	- 227.9	259.8	53.2	- 206.6
806	Solomon Islands	32.9	3.1	- 29.8	25.8	2.2	- 23.7	18.6	3.9	- 14.7
817	Tonga	0.8	4.9	4.1	0.6	4.3	3.7	0.1	3.8	3.6
807	Tuvalu	0.1	0.6	0.5	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.3
816	Vanuatu	7.4	7.9	0.5	4.6	6.0	1.4	5.3	4.1	- 1.2
819	Western Samoa	1.0	1.7	0.7	0.5	1.1	0.5	1.4	3.0	1.7

⁽²⁾ Caribbean ACP.⁽³⁾ Pacific ACP.

PART V. EU-ACP IMPORTS BY MAIN PRODUCTS (CN)

V.1 From January to September of 1996, seven products covered 51% of the total EU imports from the ACP. Crude Petroleum remained the most imported product, representing 22.5% of all EU purchases and amounting 3.5 bio ECU. After a drop registered in value and quantity in 1995, in the next nine months of 1996 the import of this product rose by around 20%, almost entirely due to the increase in price. Non-industrial diamonds came next with an amount of 1.3 bio ECU that accounted for around 8% of the imports (+19% compared to the previous year). Coffee was the third most important product covering 1 bio ECU, almost 6% of the total imports. Even if the quantity of Coffee showed an increase of 9.5%, it was the strong fall in price that caused its decrease in value (-22%). Cocoa beans (+7%) and Raw sugar cane (+22%) followed with 0.9 bio ECU and 0.7 bio ECU.

V.2 Between the first three quarters of 1995 and 1996, Aluminium Oxide recorded the most dynamic growth (+33%) which was almost entirely due to a corresponding upsurge in quantity. Unrefined copper and Tropical wood saw also registered growth rates in value of 25% each. Both products also displayed important increases in quantity of 54% and 35%

respectively. On the other hand, apart from the fall of Coffee, several items registered heavier decreases. The value of imports of Natural uranium dropped by 91%, followed by the falls of Other rough wood (-67%), Cathodes refined copper (-51%), Other sawn wood and Refined copper bars (both -45%). Unwrought aluminium and Unwrought gold fell by 33% and 26% respectively.

V.3 Around 96% of EU imports of Tropical wood came from the ACP in the first nine months of 1996. A big percentage (92%) of Cocoa beans, both in value and quantity, was also imported from these countries. Unsorted diamonds accounted for 86% of all extra-EU imports of this product; while, Aluminium oxide accounted for 81%. Almost 60% of Tunas, skipjack and bonito were imported from this area.

V.4 During this period (Jan.-Sept. 1996), the fluctuation of prices affected several commodities. Apart from the fall of Coffee, other prices that fell significantly were: Cocoa beans, Tropical wood sawn, Tropical wood and Unwrought gold. On the other hand, the prices of Non carded-Cotton, stripped tobacco, and Unrefined copper rose.

TABLE V. EU IMPORTS FROM ACP BY MAIN PRODUCTS

ACP		1996		96/95 I - III		1996 I - III PERCENTAGE SHARE IN			
		I - III		PERCENTAGE CHANGE		TOTAL EU IMPORTS BY PRODUCTS		EU IMP. FROM ACP	
								CUMUL.	
Codes ⁽¹⁾	PRODUCTS	Value ⁽²⁾	Quantity ⁽³⁾	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Value
270900	Crude petroleum	3 547.1	29 745.6	19.9	2.3	9.6	9.1	22.5	22.5
710231	Non ind. diamonds	1 238.1	n.a.	19.4	n.a.	30.5	n.a.	7.8	30.3
090111	Coffee	1 012.3	539.7	- 21.8	9.5	30.7	32.9	6.4	36.7
180100	Cocoa beans	906.1	797.0	6.8	11.2	91.7	92.0	5.7	42.4
170111	Raw sugar cane	655.0	1 247.8	22.4	21.4	85.7	85.6	4.2	46.6
710210	Unsorted diamonds	393.6	n.a.	- 2.3	n.a.	63.3	n.a.	2.5	49.1
080300	Fresh bananas	336.2	593.2	4.0	3.0	21.4	20.4	2.1	51.2
440721/2	Tropical wood sawn	321.1	601.9	25.3	34.5	53.6	64.8	2.0	53.2
160414	Tunas, skipjack, bonito	283.9	104.3	10.7	13.9	58.7	52.4	1.8	55.0
440334/5	Tropical wood	281.5	959.1	- 2.4	4.8	96.2	87.0	1.8	56.8
520100	Non carded cotton	224.6	140.7	2.1	- 5.0	20.8	20.7	1.4	58.2
710812	Gold unwrought	217.1	n.a.	- 26.3	n.a.	4.6	n.a.	1.4	59.6
240120	Stripped tobacco	212.5	64.8	19.7	8.0	20.3	25.9	1.3	60.9
281820	Oxide aluminium	195.5	1 126.3	33.2	33.7	81.2	91.7	1.2	62.1
760110	Unwrought aluminium	176.0	129.0	- 32.4	- 21.7	9.8	9.6	1.1	63.2
260111	Non aggl. iron ores	151.8	8 011.9	- 3.1	- 5.7	11.2	11.9	1.0	64.2
090240	Black tea	127.3	96.2	10.0	11.1	44.9	53.4	0.8	65.0
440799	Other wood sawn	67.8	121.7	- 45.5	- 42.7	15.5	13.6	0.4	65.4
440399	Other wood in the rough	60.9	240.7	- 66.6	- 67.0	15.9	4.4	0.4	65.8
740311	Cathodes ref. copper	25.4	13.3	- 50.7	- 42.9	1.1	1.1	0.2	66.0
740200	Unrefined copper	16.7	8.3	25.6	53.7	4.3	4.1	0.1	66.1
284410	Natural uranium	10.5	0.4	- 90.9	- 90.2	5.1	5.1	0.1	66.2
740312	Bars ref. copper	1.7	0.9	- 45.2	- 35.7	17.7	18.4	0.0	66.2

⁽¹⁾ Combined nomenclature.

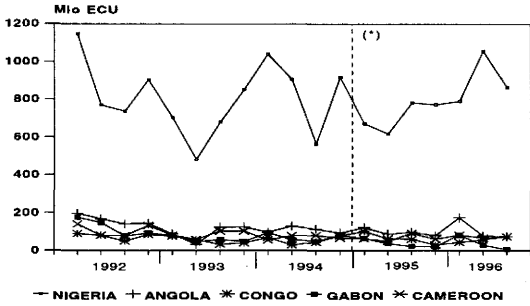
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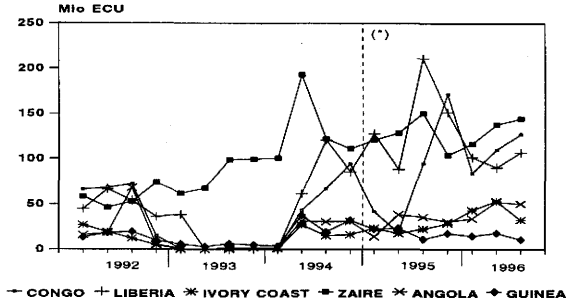
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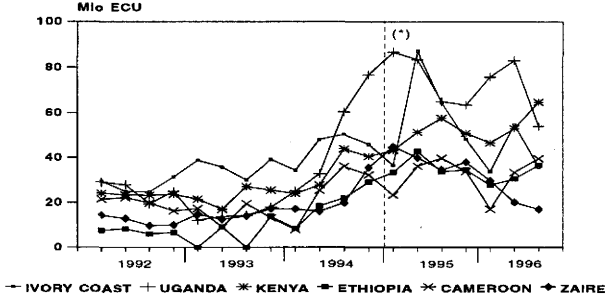
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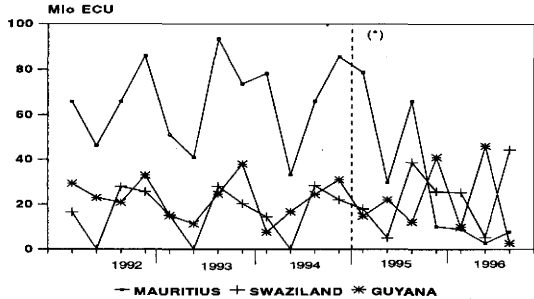
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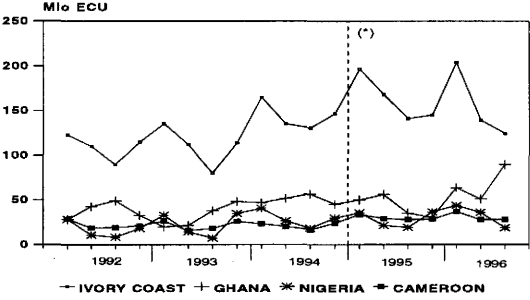
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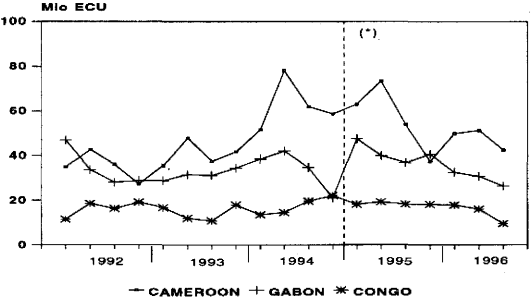
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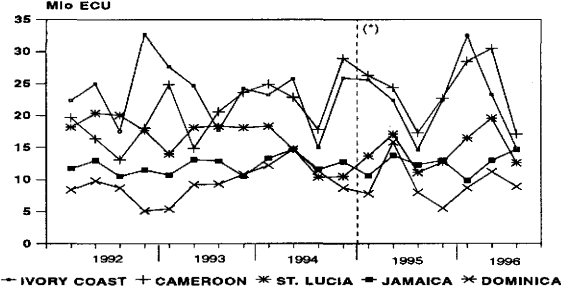
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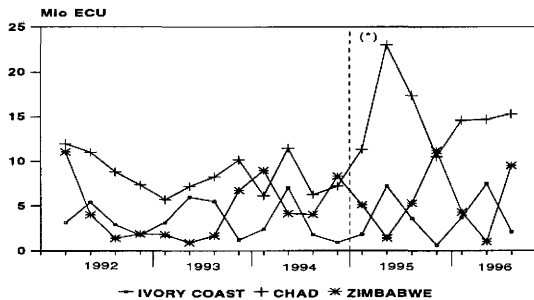
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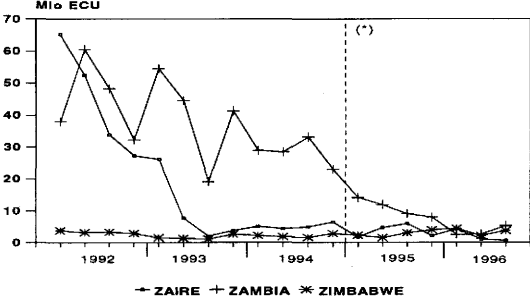
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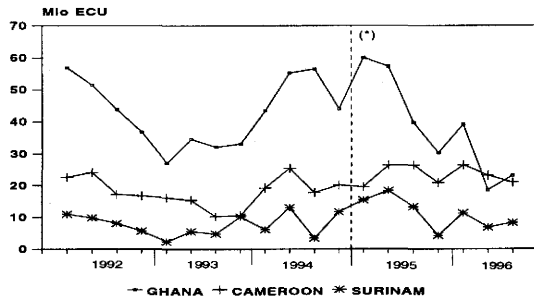
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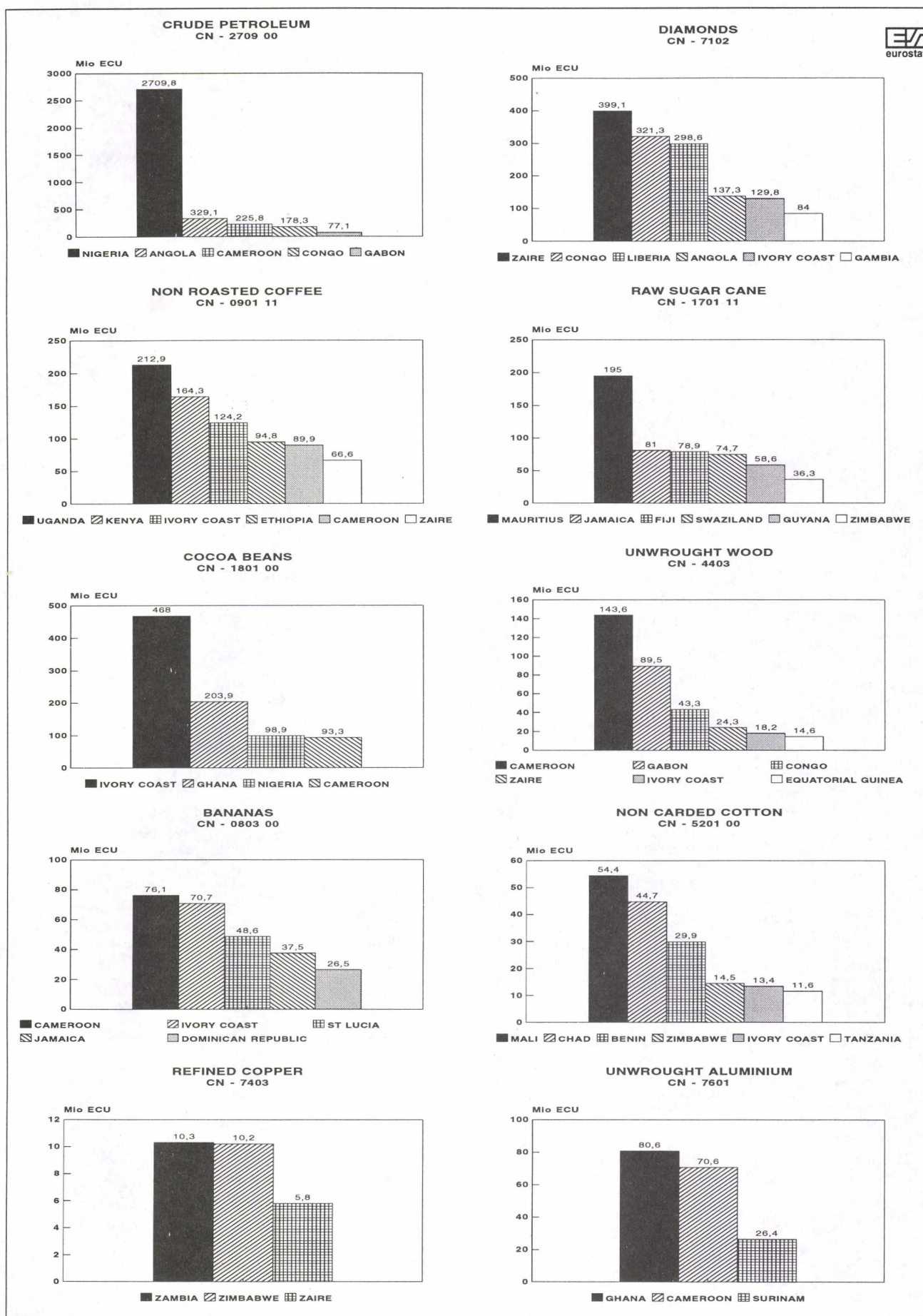
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PART VII: EU IMPORTS FROM ACP: JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 1996. A SELECTION OF THE 10 MOST IMPORTANT PRODUCTS BROKEN DOWN BY MAJOR SUPPLIERS



(*) Due to the unavailability of detailed data, the graphs of this report do not include the 3 new Member States (Austria, Finland, Sweden) for the period 1992-1994.

(**) "Developing countries" includes all the World less the following: OECD, NICs of Asia, New Independent States (NIS), Central and Eastern European Countries (CEEC) and the ACP countries.