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Summary:

Notes preparing the Romanian delegation for a meeting with the Shah of Iran. Stresses Romania's desire to develop and diversify its economic relations with Iran, in spite all the difficulties posed by the closing of the Suez Canal.

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I. Bilateral Relations

A. Matters which could be raised by the Romanian delegation:

[...]

Economic [Issues]:

1. Romania's satisfaction with the constant improvement of bilateral economic relations, from 1965 onwards.

The technical-economic cooperation agreements, as well as the contracts signed as part of these agreements, are coming into force [as planned], without any problems.

2. Express Romania's desire to develop and diversify its economic relations with Iran, in spite all the difficulties posed by the closing of the Suez Canal.

Crude imported from Iran is transported through the Israeli pipeline Eilat-Ashkelon (Aqaba - Mediterranean Sea).

Iran is an important commercial partner for Romania, as it is our main crude supplier. Romania is interested in continuing the development of commercial relations and economic and technical cooperation with Iran. Therefore, we are seeking to continue importing Iranian crude, amounting to around 15 million tons between 1971 and 1975, as well as other Iranian products, and we need to expand our industrial cooperation and Romanian exports of machinery, equipment and other products so as to create the means to pay for these imports.

[...]