The following communication, dated 26 April 1990, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Bolivia on 27 April 1990.

For internal reasons connected with the parliamentary procedure for the ratification of international instruments, on behalf of the Government of Bolivia I request, through your good offices, that the time-limit established in paragraph 5 of the Protocol for the Accession of Bolivia to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade be extended until 31 August 1990.

The Protocol has been approved by the Chamber of Deputies and has now to be considered by the Senate.

The CONTRACTING PARTIES' Decision concerning the accession of Bolivia to the General Agreement is reproduced in document L/6561. The text of the Protocol for the Accession of Bolivia to the General Agreement is reproduced in document L/6562. The CONTRACTING PARTIES' Decision extending the time-limit for acceptance of the Protocol to 30 April 1990 is contained in document L/6624. To facilitate consideration of this matter by the Council at its meeting on 16 May 1990, the text of a draft decision is annexed hereto.
ANNEX

ACCESSION OF BOLIVIA

Draft Decision

Considering that the Government of Bolivia has notified the CONTRACTING PARTIES that it anticipates that the ratification of the Protocol for the Accession of Bolivia to the General Agreement may not be concluded within the time-limit prescribed in the CONTRACTING PARTIES’ Decision of 4 December 1989 (L/6624) and has requested that the aforesaid time-limit be extended to 31 August 1990;

The CONTRACTING PARTIES,

Decide to extend the time-limit for acceptance by the Government of Bolivia of the Protocol for the Accession of Bolivia to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, until 31 August 1990.