ACCESSION OF COSTA RICA

Communication from Costa Rica

The following communication, dated 25 May 1990, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Costa Rica.

Paragraph 7 of the Protocol for the Accession of Costa Rica to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade provides that the Protocol shall be open for acceptance by Costa Rica until 30 June 1990. Under our constitution, such acceptance must be carried out through the process of ratification of international instruments by the Legislative Assembly.

For internal reasons, our Legislative Assembly has been unable to complete the process of ratification of the Protocol of Accession, and therefore I have been instructed by my Government to request, through your good offices, that the time-limit established in paragraph 7 of the Protocol for the Accession of Costa Rica to the General Agreement be extended until 30 September 1990.

The CONTRACTING PARTIES' Decision concerning the accession of Costa Rica to the General Agreement is reproduced in document L/6607. The text of the Protocol for the Accession of Costa Rica to the General Agreement is reproduced in document L/6626. To facilitate consideration of this matter by the Council at its meeting on 14 June 1990, the text of a draft decision is annexed hereto.
ANNEX

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Draft Decision

Considering that the Government of Costa Rica has notified the CONTRACTING PARTIES that it anticipates that the ratification of the Protocol for the Accession of Costa Rica to the General Agreement may not be concluded within the time-limit prescribed in paragraph 7 thereof and has requested that the aforesaid time-limit be extended to 30 September 1990;

The CONTRACTING PARTIES,

Decide to extend the time-limit for acceptance by the Government of Costa Rica of the Protocol for the Accession of Costa Rica to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, until 30 September 1990.