The following communication, dated 25 June 1991, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Guatemala.

I have the honour to inform you that the Protocol for the Accession of Guatemala to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), has been submitted for consideration by the Congress of the Republic.

Bearing in mind that, following approval by Congress, the Protocol of Accession has to be ratified by the President of the Republic, it is very likely that he will not receive it before the expiry of the time-limit established in paragraph 5 of the Protocol for the Accession of Guatemala, namely 31 July 1991.

I therefore request an extension of two months of the time-limit stipulated for the deposit of the Protocol for the Accession of Guatemala to the General Agreement.

The CONTRACTING PARTIES' Decision concerning the Accession of Guatemala to the General Agreement is reproduced in document L/6824. The text of the Protocol for the Accession of Guatemala to the General Agreement is reproduced in document L/6826. To facilitate consideration of this matter by the Council at its meeting on 11 July 1991, the text of a draft decision is annexed hereto.

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ACCESSION OF GUATEMALA

Draft Decision

Considering that the Government of Guatemala has notified the CONTRACTING PARTIES that the ratification of the Protocol for the Accession of Guatemala to the General Agreement will not be concluded within the time-limit prescribed in paragraph 5 thereof and has requested that the aforesaid time-limit be extended to 30 September 1991;

The CONTRACTING PARTIES,

Decide to extend the time-limit for acceptance by the Government of Guatemala of the Protocol for the Accession of Guatemala to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, until 30 September 1991.