COMMITTEE OF PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES

Enlargement of the Protocol

Communications from Non-Participating Countries

1. As instructed by the July 1974 meeting of the Committee, the representatives of those countries which had taken part in the special meetings of the Committee were invited by the secretariat to make use of the procedures outlined in document CPC/S/1 for accession to the Protocol. Governments were also invited to indicate, in the course of their replies, points or questions they might wish to raise or observations they might wish to make in relation to the Protocol, including procedures for accession.

2. The invitation was sent to representatives of the following non-participating countries:

- Algeria
- Bangladesh
- Bolivia
- Burundi
- Cameroon
- Colombia
- Costa Rica
- Cuba
- Cyprus
- Dominican Republic
- Ecuador
- El Salvador
- Ethiopia
- Gabon
- Ghana
- Guatemala
- Haiti
- Honduras
- Indonesia
- Iran
- Iraq
- Ivory Coast
- Jamaica
- Libya
- Malaysia
- Malta
- Morocco
- Nigeria
- Romania
- Senegal
- Singapore
- Sri Lanka
- Thailand
- Trinidad and Tobago
- Venezuela
- Viet-Nam
- Zaïre

3. Replies have been received from Bangladesh, Madagascar, Sri Lanka and Thailand.

4. The delegations of Bangladesh and Madagascar have requested the secretariat's assistance in the process of exploring possibilities for seeking concessions on products of trade interest to them in the markets of participating countries, as
well as in the identification of the relevance to their trade of existing concessions. The representatives of Sri Lanka and Thailand indicated that they were referring the communication to their respective capitals for consideration and further instruction.

5. Representatives of a number of other countries including the following, have been in touch in connexion with the Protocol: Cameroon, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Iraq, Kenya, Malaysia, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Romania, Singapore.