The following communication dated 7 December 1981 has been received from the Permanent Mission of Tunisia.

The Permanent Mission of Tunisia at Geneva presents its compliments to the GATT secretariat and, with reference to document CPC/W/85, has the honour to transmit herewith a statistical table showing the trend in Tunisia's imports within the framework of the Protocol, together with the following observations:

1. After an increase of the order of 99 per cent in the year 1979 in relation to 1978, the value of Tunisia's imports within the framework of the Protocol showed a further increase in 1980, of the order of 69 per cent, primarily attributable to rising imports of cotton yarn.

2. Tunisia's imports covered by the Protocol have risen successively from 5.1 per cent in 1978 to 6.8 per cent in 1979 and 14.8 per cent in 1980 of total imports of the products concerned from all sources.

3. Yugoslavia and Spain are still the principal supplying countries parties to the Protocol, while the Republic of Korea is becoming an increasingly important supplier.

1 The statistical tabulations are being issued as L/5213/Add.2.