SUBJECT: ACCESSION OF GUATEMALA

At its meeting on 6 February 1991 the Council considered the Report of the Working Party on the Accession of Guatemala (L/6770 and CORR.1* and ADD.1 and ADD.1/CORR.1). The Council approved the terms of the draft Protocol of Accession (L/6770, Page 17). The Schedule LXXXVIII - Guatemala has been circulated as an addendum to the Report (L/6770/ADD.1 and ADD.1/CORR.1) and has been annexed to the Protocol of Accession. The Council also approved the text of the draft decision for the Accession of Guatemala (L/6770, Page 16) and agreed that the decision should be submitted to a vote.

Many representatives attending the meeting of the Council registered their votes on behalf of their governments. A copy of the Report of the Working Party (L/6770 and CORR.1* and ADD.1 and ADD.1/CORR.1) and of the Schedule LXXXVIII - Guatemala (L/6770/ADD.1 and ADD.1/CORR.1) together with a ballot paper are herewith distributed to Contracting Parties which were not able to cast their votes at the Council meeting.

In accordance with the provisions of Article XXXIII, the decision is adopted if two thirds (i.e. sixty-eight) of the Contracting Parties cast affirmative votes. The result of the vote will be announced and the Protocol for the Accession of Guatemala will be open for signature as soon as the required number of affirmative votes has been received. In accordance with its paragraph 6, the Protocol will enter into force and Guatemala will become a Contracting Party on the thirtieth day after its acceptance of the Protocol.

Contracting Parties are therefore requested to cast their vote on the decision and to cable of telex their reply or to return the completed ballot paper in time to be received by the Secretariat not later than 8 March 1991.

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