As announced in document L/2852 the Government of Tunisia wishes to proceed with negotiations with the contracting parties towards its final accession to GATT under Article XXXIII. A working party to examine this application has been established (L/2854). However, as it seems unlikely that negotiations will be completed before the end of the year, a further extension of the Declaration on Provisional Accession has been requested so as to avoid an interruption of GATT relations between Tunisia and contracting parties between 31 December 1967, date of expiry of its Third Procès-Verbal of Provisional Accession, and the date of Tunisia's accession.

To facilitate consideration of this request, the secretariat has drawn up a draft procès-verbal extending the Declaration on Provisional Accession and a draft decision prolonging the invitation to Tunisia to participate in the work of the CONTRACTING PARTIES. These drafts are annexed hereto.

A note on the present status of the Declaration is also annexed.
The parties to the Declaration of 12 November 1959 on the Provisional Accession of Tunisia to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (hereinafter referred to as "the Declaration" and "the General Agreement", respectively),

Acting pursuant to paragraph 6 of the Declaration,

Agree that

1. The validity of the Declaration is extended for a further year by changing the date in paragraph 6 to "31 December 1968".

2. This Procès-Verbal shall be deposited with the Director-General to the CONTRACTING PARTIES to the General Agreement. It shall be open for acceptance, by signature or otherwise, by Tunisia and by the participating governments. It shall become effective between the Government of Tunisia and any participating government as soon as it shall have been accepted by the Government of Tunisia and such government.

3. The Director-General shall furnish a certified copy of this Procès-Verbal and a notification of each acceptance thereof to the Government of Tunisia and to each contracting party to the General Agreement.

Done at Geneva this .......... day of November, one thousand nine hundred and sixty-seven in a single copy in the English and French languages, both texts being authentic.
FURTHER EXTENSION OF THE DECISION OF 12 NOVEMBER 1959 INVITING TUNISIA TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WORK OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES

Draft

Considering that the parties to the Declaration of 12 November 1959 on the Provisional Accession of Tunisia to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade are taking steps, pursuant to paragraph 6 of that Declaration, to extend further the period of validity of the Declaration:

The CONTRACTING PARTIES

Decide to extend further the period of validity of the Decision of 12 November 1959, which provided for the participation of Tunisia in the work of the CONTRACTING PARTIES, until the Government of Tunisia accedes to the General Agreement under the provisions of Article XXXIII or until 31 December 1968, whichever date is earlier.
Annex J5

STATUS OF PROVISIONAL ACCESSION

The validity of the Declaration of 12 November 1959 was extended by the Third Procès-Verbal of 14 December 1965 until 31 December 1967.

The Declaration is in force between Tunisia and the following Governments, which have accepted both the Declaration and the Third Procès-Verbal:

- Austria
- Barbados
- Belgium
- Brasil
- Canada
- Central African Republic
- Cuba
- Czechoslovakia
- Denmark
- Finland
- France
- Germany, Federal Republic of
- Ghana
- Greece
- Guyana
- India
- Japan
- Kenya
- Luxemburg
- Malawi
- Netherlands, Kingdom of the
- New Zealand
- Niger
- Norway
- Pakistan
- Sierra Leone
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Turkey
- United Kingdom
- United States
- Uruguay
- Yugoslavia

The following Governments, having accepted the Declaration, have not yet accepted the Third Procès-Verbal:

- Australia
- Burundi
- Ceylon
- Chad
- Chile
- Congo (Brazzaville)
- Cyprus
- Dahomey
- Gabon
- Gambia
- Indonesia
- Israel
- Ivory Coast
- Jamaica
- Kuwait
- Madagascar
- Malaysia
- Malta
- Mauritania
- Nigeria
- Peru
- Rhodesia
- Rwanda
- Senegal
- Tanzania
- Togo
- Trinidad and Tobago
- Uganda
- United Arab Republic
- Upper Volta