The Director General has received the following communication from the representative of Tunisia requesting a further extension of the Declaration on Provisional Accession which, under the Seventh Procès Verbal dated 2 December 1970, will expire on 31 December 1971.

I have the honour to inform you that the Tunisian Government wishes to request a further extension of the Declaration of 12 November 1959 on the Provisional Accession of Tunisia to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, due to expire on 31 December 1971.

The Tunisian Government finds itself obliged to request this extension, having regard to the reconversion of the national economy which is now taking place and the general review of the situation which is being carried out. The Tunisian Government reaffirms its firm intention of initiating as soon as possible the procedure with a view to its definitive accession to the General Agreement.

To facilitate consideration of this request at the next Council meeting, 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.
ANNEX 1

Eighth Procès-Verbal Extending the Declaration on the Provisional Accession of Tunisia

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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 by changing the date in paragraph 6 to "31 December 19..".

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 ..........., one thousand nine hundred and seventy-one in a single copy in the English and French languages, both texts being authentic.
ANNEX 2

**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 19.., whichever date is earlier.
ANNEX 3

Status of Provisional Accession

The validity of the Declaration of 12 November 1959 was extended by the Seventh Procès-Verbal of 2 December 1970 until 31 December 1971.

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

Belgium
Czechoslovakia
Finland
Greece
Japan
Malta
Netherlands, Kingdom of the

Pakistan
Poland
Sweden
Switzerland
Turkey
United Kingdom
United States

The following Governments, having accepted the Declaration, have so far not accepted the Seventh Procès-Verbal:

Australia
Austria
Brazil
Canada
Central African Republic
Ceylon
Chad
Chile
Cuba
Cyprus
Congo
Denmark

Egypt
France
Germany, F.R.\(^1\)
Ghana
India
Indonesia
Israel
Ivory Coast
Jamaica
Kenya
Kuwait
Luxembourg
Madagascar

Malawi
Malaysia
New Zealand
Niger
Nigeria
Norway
Peru
Senegal
Sierra Leone
Southern Rhodesia
Spain
Tanzania
Uruguay
Yugoslavia

The following Governments, having succeeded to the Declaration, have not accepted the Seventh Procès-Verbal:

Barbados
Burundi
Congo (Brazzaville)
Gabon
Gambia
Guyana
Mauritania
Mauritius

Rwanda
Togo
Trinidad and Tobago
Uganda
Upper Volta

\(^1\)Accepted the Seventh Procès-Verbal subject to ratification.