PROVISIONAL ACCESSION OF TUNISIA

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 Eighth Procès-Verbal dated 9 November 1971, will expire on 31 December 1973.

I have the honour to advise you that the Tunisian Government is requesting an 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 1973.

Tunisia has recently promulgated a new customs tariff and will need a certain time in order to examine the consequences that the new tariff scale will have on its trade and on the functioning of its economic system in general.

In addition, because of the efforts that Tunisia is making to organize its economic and trade relations with its neighbours and partners, a certain period is necessary before the procedure can be initiated with a view to Tunisia's definitive accession to the General Agreement. It goes without saying that this procedure will be initiated at the appropriate time, that is to say at the time when acceptable solutions can be envisaged to these various problems.

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.
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 Genova this ................. day of ............... , one thousand nine hundred and seventy-three 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

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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 1959, whichever date is earlier.
ANNEX 3

Status of Provisional Accession

The validity of the Declaration of 12 November 1959 was extended by the Eighth Procès-Verbal of 9 November 1971 until 31 December 1973.

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

Austria    Germany, F.R.    Niger
Chile      India          Norway
Czechoslovakia Japan          Pakistan
Denmark    Kenya          Sweden
Egypt      Malta          Switzerland
Finland    Mauritius       United Kingdom
France     Netherlands

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

Australia    Indonesia    Poland
Belgium      Israel         Senegal
Brazil       Ivory Coast   Sierra Leone
Canada       Jamaica        Spain
Central African Republic    Kuwait          Sri Lanka
Chad         Luxembourg    Tanzania
Cuba         Madagascar    Turkey
Cyprus        Malawi        United States
Dahomey    New Zealand    Uruguay
Ghana         Nigeria       Yugoslavia
Greece

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

Barbados    Trinidad and Tobago
Gambia      Uganda
Guyana        Upper Volta