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 Ninth Procès-Verbal dated 7 November 1973, will expire on 31 December 1975.

I have the honour to advise you that the Tunisian Government requests a further extension of the Declaration of 12 November 1959 on the Provisional Accession of Tunisia to GATT, due to expire on 31 December 1975.

Indeed, the application of Tunisia's new customs tariff, which was promulgated in July 1973, has revealed technical imperfections in both form and substance.

As regards form, a defect has been found in the classification and the breakdown of several tariff headings.

As to substance, the structure of the customs duty rates has proved not to be consistent with Tunisia's economic reality and with the prospects under the Plan.

Work is already proceeding in the various departments concerned in order to remedy this situation and make the necessary amendments to finalize the tariff.

Since these amendments are bound to take some time, it would be difficult for Tunisia to enter into negotiations at this juncture with a view to 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

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

DRAFT

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 1977".

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-five 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 1977 whichever date is earlier.
ANNEX 3

Status of Provisional Accession

The validity of the Declaration of 12 November 1959 was extended by the Ninth Procès-Verbal of 7 November 1973 until 31 December 1975.

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

Austria
Brazil
Egypt
Germany, F.R.

India
Japan
Malta
Netherlands

Pakistan
Poland
Sweden
Turkey
United States

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

Australia
Belgium
Canada
Central African Republic
Chad
Chile
Cuba
Czechoslovakia
Cyprus
Dahomey
Denmark
Finland
France

Ghana
Greece
Indonesia
Israel
Ivory Coast
Jamaica
Kenya
Kuwait
Luxembourg
Madagascar
Malawi
Malaysia
Mauritius

New Zealand
Niger
Nigeria
Norway
Peru
Senegal
Sierra Leone
Spain
Sri Lanka
Switzerland
Tanzania
United Kingdom
Uruguay
Yugoslavia

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

Barbados
Gambia

Guyana
Trinidad and Tobago

Uganda
Upper Volta