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 Tenth Procès-Verbal dated 21 November 1975, will expire on 31 December 1977.

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 1977.

Tunisia's new customs tariff, which was promulgated in July 1973 and concerning which Tunisia cited difficulties of application at the time of the last extension of its status in 1975, is now undergoing certain modifications to remedy all the technical imperfections noted in the course of its implementation.

Being desirous of establishing sound and solid foundations for its final adherence to GATT, Tunisia would find it difficult to enter into negotiations at this juncture with a view to definitive accession.

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

Eleventh 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 1979".

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-seven 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 1979, whichever date is earlier.
ANNEX 3

Status of Provisional Accession

The validity of the Declaration of 12 November 1959 was extended by the Tenth Procès-Verbal of 21 November 1975 until 31 December 1977.

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

- Austria
- Brazil
- Czechoslovakia
- Egypt
- Finland
- France
- Germany, F.R.
- India
- Japan
- Korea
- Malta
- Netherlands

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

- Australia
- Belgium
- Canada
- Central African Republic
- Chad
- Chile
- Cuba
- Cyprus
- Dahomey
- Denmark
- Ghana
- Greece
- Indonesia
- Israel
- Ivory Coast
- Jamaica
- Kenya
- Kuwait
- Luxembourg
- Madagascar
- Malawi
- Malaysia
- Mauritius
- Niger
- Nigeria
- Norway

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

- Barbados
- Gambia
- Guyana
- Trinidad and Tobago
- Pakistan
- Peru
- Senegal
- Sierra Leone
- Spain
- Sri Lanka
- Switzerland
- Tanzania
- Turkey
- United Kingdom
- Uruguay
- Yugoslavia
- Uganda
- Upper Volta