COMMUNICATION FROM THE USSR

The following message from the Permanent Mission of the USSR, dated 12 August 1986, has been received by the Director-General.

As instructed by competent Soviet authorities, I have the honour to inform you that the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics would wish to participate in the forthcoming round of multilateral trade negotiations under the aegis of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

The aims of the Soviet Union's participation in the negotiations would be as follows:

- to contribute to the improvement of trade policy conditions for international trade, including trade in specific sectors, and to the elaboration of decisions to this effect;

- to expand trade between the USSR and the Contracting Parties to GATT, and to strengthen co-operation and confidence between them; and

- to gain, through participating in the activities of GATT, the experience required to arrive at a decision on the accession of the USSR to the Agreement, account taken of the prospective changes in the Soviet foreign trade mechanism. These changes are in line with the ongoing re-organization of the management of the Soviet national economy, which, inter alia, provides for increased autonomy and responsibility of enterprises in their business relations.

I would be much obliged to you, Mr. Director-General, if you could transmit this message to the participants in the forthcoming Ministerial Session of the GATT Contracting Parties in Punta del Este for a decision on the subject.