GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

PROVISIONAL ACCESSION OF TUNISIA

The Director-General has received the following communication from the Permanent Mission of Tunisia requesting a further extension of the Declaration on Provisional Accession which, under the Seventeenth Procès-Verbal dated 6 November 1985, will expire on 31 December 1986.

The Permanent Mission of Tunisia presents its compliments to the GATT secretariat and, with reference to the note published in document L/6047, has the honour to advise that the Tunisian Authorities request an extension of the Declaration of 12 November 1959 on the Provisional Accession of Tunisia to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) with a view to making a success of the process of Tunisia's accession, inasmuch as it would be materially impossible to complete it before the forty-second session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES.

To facilitate consideration of this request at the forty-second session, 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 will be circulated as C/W/505.