The following communication has been received by the Director-General on 23 February 1987 from the Government of Mexico.

In accordance with paragraph 29 of the report of the Working Party on the Accession of Mexico to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, regarding the notification to be made by the Mexican Government within six months of products still subject to the prior import permit requirement, and on specific instructions addressed to the undersigned by the Secretary for Trade and Industrial Development of Mexico, I have pleasure in forwarding herewith a list of the tariff headings comprising goods for which a prior permit is still required for import into Mexico.

It is appropriate to point out that the Mexican Government has continued the process of substitution of tariffs for prior permits, and at present a prior permit is still required for only 651 headings of the import tariff, as compared with 818 headings at the time of accession, so that the number of these headings has been reduced by 20.5 per cent.

I also take this opportunity to reaffirm that to date the principle of non-discrimination in the administration of the prior permit requirement is being strictly observed, in accordance with Article XIII of the General Agreement.

I would be grateful if you would take note of this notification and bring it to the attention of the other contracting parties.

1The list will be circulated as an addendum to this document.