COMMUNICATION FROM MACAU

The attached communication, dated 6 December 1991, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Macau with the request that it be circulated to contracting parties.

You will recall that at the Council meeting on 6 February 1991, the representative of Macau had said that Macau would submit, within one year of its date of succession, i.e. 11 January 1991, a Schedule to which its customs duties would be bound, up to an acceptable percentage of its imports.

This statement was recorded in the Minutes of that meeting on page 33 of the document C/M/247 under the point 16 (a) Tariff régime of Macau (L/6806).

Since that meeting, the authorities of Macau have been actively engaged in preparing for the establishment of this Schedule. Close cooperation has been established with the GATT secretariat.

For technical and logistic reasons however it will not be possible to complete this process in time as expected, before 11 January 1992.

My authorities intend to pursue their efforts with a view to complete all the necessary work before July 1992.