The following communication, dated 14 May 1992, has been received from the Permanent Representative of Hungary to GATT.

With respect to the communication contained in document L/7000 of 29 April 1992, I would like to inform you that the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Hungary to the United Nations addressed the following letter on 6 May 1992 to the Secretary-General of the United Nations:

"In connection with the 'Declaration of the representatives of the people of the Republic of Serbia and the Republic of Montenegro' of 27 April 1992, Hungary is of the view that such a unilateral statement does not create a legal basis for a decision on the continuity of the membership of the defunct Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia in international organizations. In its opinion, the settlement of the question of continuity should be based upon the agreement of all successor States of the former Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and only such an agreement can form the basis for any decisions to be taken on the question of representation of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia in international fora, including the United Nations. Accordingly, Hungary believes that any procedural arrangements that the United Nations may follow in this regard in the interim should in no way prejudice its position on the question of the status of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia at the United Nations."

In accordance with the view expressed in the above letter, Hungary considers that the communication contained in document L/7000 and any procedural arrangements that the GATT may follow in this regard in the interim, do in no way prejudice its position on the question of the status of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia in the GATT and on the issue of succession to the rights and obligations of the former Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia under the General Agreement.

I would be grateful if this communication would be circulated as an official document of the GATT.