SECOND DECLARATION
ON THE EXTENSION OF THE STANDSTILL PROVISIONS OF
ARTICLE XVI:4 OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT
ON TARIFFS AND TRADE
DONE AT GENEVA ON 5 MARCH 1964

STATEMENT RECEIVED FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF THE NETHERLANDS

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that the Government of the Netherlands has transmitted to me the following statement concerning the application to the Kingdom of the Netherlands of paragraph 6 of the Second Declaration on the Extension of the Standstill Provisions of Article XVI:4:

"The Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands is not in a position to consider as applicable to itself the provisions of paragraph 6 of the Second Declaration on the Extension of the Standstill Provisions of Article XVI:4 of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, done at Geneva on 5 March 1964, since, according to generally recognized principles of the law of treaties, acceptance of international agreements must be limited to texts existing at the time at which acceptance is made effective.

"Therefore, the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands cannot be considered as a party, neither as regards the Kingdom as a whole (viz. the Netherlands, Surinam and the Netherlands Antilles) nor as regards one or two of the constituent parts of the Kingdom to the said Declaration."

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

E. Wyndham White
Director-General