CONSIDERING that the Government of the United Arab Republic has made a request to the CONTRACTING PARTIES to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade to accede to the General Agreement in accordance with the provisions of Article XXXIII and will be prepared to enter into tariff negotiations with contracting parties to that end as soon as it is practicable to do so.

CONSIDERING that, pending accession under Article XXXIII the Government of the United Arab Republic is prepared to accept the obligations of the General Agreement.

CONSIDERING that, in view of the desirability of basing the trade relations of the United Arab Republic upon the General Agreement as soon as possible, it would be desirable to provide for the provisional accession of the United Arab Republic to the General Agreement as a step towards its eventual accession pursuant to Article XXXIII.

DESIRING that the Government of the United Arab Republic, pending its accession, shall be associated with the discussions and deliberations of the CONTRACTING PARTIES,

NOTING that a number of contracting parties intend that, pending the accession of the United Arab Republic pursuant to Article XXXIII, commercial relations between them and the United Arab Republic shall be based upon the provisions of the General Agreement in accordance with the Declaration on the Provisional Accession of the United Arab Republic, and

CONSIDERING that the said Declaration requests the CONTRACTING PARTIES to perform certain functions comparable in nature to their functions under the General Agreement,

The CONTRACTING PARTIES

DECIDE:
1. To invite the Government of the United Arab Republic to participate in sessions of the CONTRACTING PARTIES and of subsidiary bodies established by the CONTRACTING PARTIES;

2. To accept such functions as are necessary for the operation of the Declaration referred to in the preamble to this Decision;

3. To make arrangements for tariff negotiations between contracting parties and the United Arab Republic as soon as it is practicable to do so.

This Decision shall take effect upon signature by the UAR of the Declaration on the Provisional Accession of the UAR and shall continue in effect until the accession of the United Arab Republic to the General Agreement following tariff negotiations with contracting parties or until ............. whichever date is earlier, unless the CONTRACTING PARTIES agree to extend it to a later date.