GENERAL AGREEMENT ON
TARIFFS AND TRADE

CONTRACTING PARTIES
Forty-Fifth Session

ACCESSION OF BOLIVIA

Communication from Bolivia

The following communication, dated 17 November 1989, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Bolivia.

Since recently taking up its duties, the Bolivian Congress has been devoting its attention to a large number of matters already on its agenda; furthermore, an extraordinary parliamentary recess will shortly take place owing to the municipal elections that are to be held throughout the country.

It is therefore likely that the process of ratification and subsequent signature of the Protocol for the Accession of Bolivia to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade will be unable to be completed within the time-limit presented in paragraph 5 thereof.

Consequently, as a precautionary measure, and on the instructions of my Government, I have the honour to request, through your kind offices, that the above-mentioned time-limit be extended until 30 April 1990.

The CONTRACTING PARTIES' Decision of 3 August 1989 concerning the accession of Bolivia to the General Agreement is reproduced in document L/6561. The Protocol for the Accession of Bolivia to the General Agreement is reproduced in document L/6562. To facilitate consideration of this matter by the CONTRACTING PARTIES at their forty-fifth session, the text of a draft decision is annexed hereto.

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Draft Decision

Considering that the Government of Bolivia has notified the CONTRACTING PARTIES that it anticipates that the ratification of the Protocol for the Accession of Bolivia to the General Agreement may not be concluded within the time-limit prescribed in paragraph 5 thereof and has requested that the aforesaid time-limit be extended until 30 April 1990;

The CONTRACTING PARTIES,

Decide to extend the time-limit for signature by the Government of Bolivia of the Protocol for the Accession of Bolivia to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, until 30 April 1990.