The following communication has been received by the Director-General on 23 February 1987.

I have the honour to communicate to you the decision by the Mexican Government to request that the formal procedure be initiated for Mexico's accession to the Agreement on Interpretation and Application of Articles VI, XVI and XXIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, known as the Code on Subsidies and Countervailing Duties.

The Mexican Government confirms its status as a developing country, as recognized in the Protocol for the Accession of Mexico to the GATT, and considers that the provisions established in Article 14 of the Code on Subsidies and Countervailing Duties are applicable to it, as are any other provisions establishing special and more favourable treatment for developing countries.

The Mexican Government considers that the negotiations it wishes to initiate should be simple, in accordance with the letter and the spirit of Article 14 of the above-mentioned instrument.

I would be glad if you would bring the contents of this letter to the knowledge of the Chairman of the Committee on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures and likewise the signatories of the Agreement.