

GATT/AIR/505

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SUBJECT: WORKING PARTY ON THE ACCESSION OF YUGOSLAVIA

IN A COMMUNICATION DATED 18 OCTOBER THE GOVERNMENT OF YUGOSLAVIA, RECALLING ITS INTENTION TO UTILIZE THE TRADE NEGOTIATIONS CURRENTLY IN PROGRESS FOR ITS FULL ACCESSION TO GATT, HAS REQUESTED THAT STEPS BE TAKEN TO PROCEED WITH THE EXAMINATION OF ITS APPLICATION FOR ACCESSION UNDER ARTICLE XXXIII IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROCEDURES ADOPTED AT THE TWENTY-SECOND SESSION FOR THIS PURPOSE. THE FULL TEXT OF THE COMMUNICATION, TOGETHER WITH A MEMORANDUM ON THE SIMPLIFICATION OF YUGOSLAVIA'S FOREIGN TRADE REGIME, WILL BE DISTRIBUTED IN L/2484.

IN THE COMMUNICATION THE GOVERNMENT OF YUGOSLAVIA ALSO REFERS TO ITS INTENTION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE KENNEDY ROUND IN CONFORMITY WITH THE PROCEDURE FOR THE PARTICIPATION OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. IT HAS PROVIDED COPIES OF YUGOSLAVIA'S NEW CUSTOMS TARIFF AND AN OFFER OF TARIFF CONCESSIONS WHICH IS INTENDED TO COVER BOTH THE ACCESSION AND THE NEGOTIATIONS FOR NEW CONCESSIONS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE KENNEDY ROUND, THESE ARE BEING DISTRIBUTED TO CONTRACTING PARTIES.

THE PROCEDURES FOR ACCESSION AGREED UPON AT THE TWENTY-SECOND SESSION PROVIDE FOR THE SETTING UP OF A WORKING PARTY TO DEAL WITH EACH APPLICATION; WHEN AN ACCEDING COUNTRY INFORMS THE SECRETARIAT THAT IT IS READY TO PROCEED WITH DISCUSSION OF THE TERMS OF ACCESSION, THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL IS TO ANNOUNCE THE DATE OF THE FIRST MEETING OF THE RELEVANT WORKING PARTY AND INVITE CONTRACTING PARTIES WISHING TO BE MEMBERS THEREOF TO INFORM HIM; THE WORKING PARTY IS TO EXAMINE THE APPLICATION AND SUBMIT TO THE CONTRACTING PARTIES RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH MAY INCLUDE A DRAFT PROTOCOL OF ACCESSION (cf. SR.22/7).

AS ANNOUNCED IN GATT/AIR/494, A CONSULTATION WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF YUGOSLAVIA ON ITS BALANCE-OF-PAYMENTS RESTRICTIONS HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR 27 OCTOBER. IN THE COURSE OF THIS CONSULTATION YUGOSLAVIA WILL BE SUPPLYING THE COMMITTEE ON BALANCE-OF-PAYMENTS RESTRICTIONS WITH INFORMATION ON ITS PRESENT EXCHANGE AND TRADING SYSTEM. TAKING ACCOUNT OF THIS, I PROPOSE THAT THE WORKING PARTY ON THE ACCESSION OF YUGOSLAVIA HOLD ITS FIRST MEETING AT 3 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, 3 NOVEMBER, AT WHICH IT WILL HEAR A STATEMENT OF THE YUGOSLAV DELEGATION AND CONSIDER ITS WORK PROGRAMME.

CONTRACTING PARTIES WISHING TO PARTICIPATE AS MEMBERS OF THE WORKING PARTY ARE REQUESTED TO INFORM ME AND ADVISE THE NAMES OF THEIR REPRESENTATIVES NOT LATER THAN 1 NOVEMBER. OTHER CONTRACTING PARTIES, ASSOCIATED GOVERNMENTS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS WISHING TO BE REPRESENTED BY OBSERVERS ARE REQUESTED TO NOTIFY ME OF THE NAMES OF THEIR REPRESENTATIVES.

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