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The following communication has been received from the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.

May I draw your attention to paragraph 3 of resolution 3 (VI), adopted unanimously by the Special Committee on Preferences at its sixth session, which "requests the Secretary-General of UNCTAD to transmit to Governments and to the Director-General of GATT, for use by GATT bodies as they consider appropriate, the report of the Special Committee on Preferences on its sixth session and document TD/B/C.5/26 entitled: 'The generalized system of preferences and the multilateral trade negotiations'".

The two documents in question are attached hereto and I shall be glad to provide you with any further copies that you may wish to have.

Chapter VI of the Special Committee's report summarizes the debate which took place on the relationship between the generalized system of preferences and the multilateral trade negotiations. I would draw your attention in particular to the last section of that chapter ("Action by the Committee"), which sets forth the views expressed by the spokesmen for the countries members of Group B and for the countries members of the Group of 77, and which contains a summary of the statement made on my behalf by the Director of the Manufactures Division.

The complete text of resolution 3 (VI) is contained in annex I of the Committee's report.

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