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The Director-General has received the following communication from the representative of the Philippines requesting an extension of the Declaration on Provisional Accession, dated 9 August 1973, which will expire on 31 December 1975.

I have the honour to advise that the Philippine Government is requesting an extension of the Declaration of 9 August 1973 on the Provisional Accession of the Philippines to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, due to expire on 31 December 1975, for a further period in order to complete the procedures necessary for accession to the General Agreement.

To facilitate consideration of this request at the next Council meeting, the secretariat has drawn up a draft procès-verbal extending the Declaration on provisional accession and a draft decision prolonging the invitation to the Philippines to participate in the work of the CONTRACTING PARTIES. These drafts are annexed hereto.

A note on the present status of the Declaration is also annexed.

ANNEX 1.

Procès-Verbal Extending the Declaration on
the Provisional Accession of the Philippines

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The parties to the Declaration of 9 August 1973 on the Provisional Accession of the Philippines to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (hereinafter referred to as "the Declaration" and "the General Agreement", respectively),

Acting pursuant to paragraph 4 of the Declaration,

Agree that

1. The validity of the Declaration is extended by changing the date in paragraph 4 to "31 December 1977".
2. This Procès-Verbal shall be deposited with the Director-General to the CONTRACTING PARTIES to the General Agreement. It shall be open for acceptance, by signature or otherwise, by the Philippines and by the participating governments. It shall become effective between the Government of the Philippines and any participating government as soon as it shall have been accepted by the Government of the Philippines and such government.
3. The Director-General shall furnish a certified copy of this Procès-Verbal and a notification of each acceptance thereof to the Government of the Philippines and to each contracting party to the General Agreement.

Done at Geneva this day of , one thousand **nine** hundred and seventy-five in a single copy in the English and French languages, both texts being authentic.

ANNEX 2

Extension of the Decision of 9 August 1973 Inviting the
Philippines to Participate in the Work of the CONTRACTING PARTIES

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Considering that the parties to the Declaration of 9 August 1973 on the Provisional Accession of the Philippines to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade are taking steps, pursuant to paragraph 4 of that Declaration, to extend the period of validity of the Declaration:

The CONTRACTING PARTIES

Decide to extend the period of validity of the Decision of 9 August 1973, which provided for the participation of the Philippines in the work of the CONTRACTING PARTIES, until the Government of the Philippines accedes to the General Agreement under the provisions of Article XXXIII or until 31 December 1977, whichever date is earlier.

ANNEX 3

Status of Provisional Accession

The Declaration on the Provisional Accession of the Philippines is in force between the Philippines and the following Governments which have accepted the Declaration:

Australia
Austria
Brazil
Canada
Denmark
France
India
Japan
Korea
Netherlands

New Zealand
Norway
Pakistan
Poland
Romania
Sweden
Turkey
United Kingdom
United States