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COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The following communication, transmitted to the Chairman of the Committee on 3 November 1992, has been received from the Saudi Arabian Standards Organization concerning the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's desire to take part as an observer in GATT meetings of the Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade.

The Saudi Arabian Standards Organization (SASO) is a government department and was established by a Royal Decree as the only Saudi organization responsible for all the activities related to standardization and quality control. SASO participates, and represents the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, in several international organizations (ISO, IEC, OIML and Codex Alimentarius Commission).

The Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia would like to become an Observer Member in the Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) and has also decided that SASO would be its representative. We hope that our association with the activities of TBT would be to the benefit of TBT as well as Saudi Arabia and would promote, at a later date, full membership of GATT and TBT.

The Chairman proposes that the request of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for observer status should be taken up by the Committee at its next meeting.