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SUDAN - REQUEST FOR OBSERVER STATUS

The following communication was received by the Director-General from the Permanent Mission of Sudan on 27 October 1994.

As you are aware, the Preparatory Committee for the World Trade Organization has considered the request of the Sudan Government to accede to the World Trade Organization during its meeting on 25 October 1994. Furthermore, the Committee established a working party to examine the application for accession of the Sudan and authorized its Chairman to take the necessary further steps.

Meanwhile, the Government of the Sudan would like to submit its request for observer status in the Council of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) to acquaint itself with the work and procedures of the Council and the other GATT organs, as a step in its endeavours to participate as full member in the World Trade Organization.

The request by Sudan will be considered by the Council at its next meeting on 10 November 1994.