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Notification by Niger

The following communication has been received from the Government of Niger.

By letter No. 140/MAE/DAPEC dated 13 January 1965 the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Niger notified you of my Government's position concerning certain objectives of the Kennedy Round with regard to trade, thus emphasizing its desire to make a positive contribution to this endeavour for the development of world trade.

The documents concerning arrangements for the participation of less-developed countries, in particular the report by the Chairman of the Trade Negotiations Committee (TN.64/41/Rev.1 of 18 March 1965) and press releases GATT/922 and 923 did not, however, reach Niamey until after 15 April 1965, the date set by the Committee as the time-limit for governments to notify their intention to avail themselves of the procedures set up for them.

I therefore have the honour to request that the above date should not be considered as an absolute time-limit for States like Niger whose relations with the GATT secretariat are affected by substantial delays in transmission.

If, as I hope, this point of view is acceptable to the Trade Negotiations Committee, the Government of the Republic of Niger would wish to record its intention to participate in the trade negotiations in conformity with the principles set forth in the Ministerial Resolution of 21 May 1963 and under the conditions defined by the Conclusions embodied in the Ministerial Resolution of 6 May 1964.

In this connexion, considering that Niger's exports consist entirely of agricultural products, my Government intends to avail itself of the possibility provided for in the plan for the participation of less-developed countries and to table a statement of offers on 1 August 1965 or thirty days after the tabling of offers on agricultural products, whichever is the later, as its contribution to the objectives of the trade negotiations.