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ADMISSION OF TUNISIA AS A CONTRACTING PARTY TO THE GENERAL AGREEMENT

Declaration by the Government of France pursuant to Article XXVI:4(c)

The following communication, dated 8 October, has been received from the French Government:

"On the occasion of the Eleventh Session the French Government proposes to exercise, under Article XXVI:4(c) of the General Agreement, its right of sponsorship in favour of Tunisia.

"As you are probably aware, Tunisia acquired internal autonomy under the Conventions of 3 June 1955. The Economic and Financial Conventions of the same date established an economic and customs union between France and Tunisia.

"Since then, Tunisian independence has been recognized under the Protocol of Agreement of 20 March 1956.

"Tunisia therefore meets all the requirements to become a contracting party to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

"I beg you to consider this communication as representing the declaration provided for under Article XXVI:4(c) and to make the necessary arrangements with the Chairman of the CONTRACTING PARTIES in order that the question of 'French sponsorship in favour of Tunisia' be placed on the Agenda for the Eleventh Session."