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The following communication dated 7 October 1964, has been received from the Commercial Minister in the Permanent Mission of the United Arab Republic, Geneva.

Following the instructions of our Minister of Economy and Foreign Trade, I have the honour to inform you that our Government would like to carry out the necessary procedures in order to be able to be accepted by the contracting parties as a permanent member in the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

In this connexion I would like to inform you that the United Arab Republic Government will be glad to avail itself of the opportunity afforded by the trade negotiations now in progress, to pursue the procedures for accession, it being understood that these procedures will be governed by the principle adopted at the meeting of Ministers in May 1963, which should govern trade negotiations between contracting parties of different stages of development and by such principles as may be laid down in the proposed new chapter to the GATT relating to the terms of accession for less-developed countries under Article XXXIII.

At the same time I wish to refer to the time-limit of 31 December 1964 for the validity of the Declaration of 13 November 1962 which provides for the provisional accession of the United Arab Republic. As it seems probable that the current trade negotiations will not be completed by the end of this year, my Government would appreciate an extension for a further year of this Declaration and also of the Decision of the same date inviting the United Arab Republic to participate in the work of the CONTRACTING PARTIES.

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