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Communication from the Delegation of India

The following communication has been received from the delegation of India.

I have the honour to refer to the Trade Expansion and Economic Co-operation Agreement between the Governments of the Arab Republic of Egypt, India and Yugoslavia and to advise that the three Governments are exchanging letters confirming their agreement to extend the Trade Expansion and Economic Co-operation Agreement by five years beyond 31 March 1978, that is, until 31 March 1983. The delegations of the Arab Republic of Egypt, India and Yugoslavia will, therefore, be grateful for the consideration, at the next meeting of the Council of GATT, of the request of the three Governments for the extension of the period of validity of the Decision of 13 November 1973 permitting the operation of the Agreement until 31 March 1983.

In this connexion, we would propose that in so doing the Council might consider the desirability of reviewing biennially the operation of the Agreement on the basis of a report by the participating States, instead of annually as provided for hitherto in terms of the Decision of 20 February 1970.