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The following communication dated 26 June 1978, has been received from the Permanent Representative of Thailand.

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As you will recall, the Permanent Mission of Thailand advised by a communication dated 2 October 1973, that Thailand wished to participate in the multilateral trade negotiations. Accordingly, Thailand has been an active participant in the negotiations together with the other developing countries members of the Association of South East Asian Nations - ASEAN.

I have now the honour to convey to the CONTRACTING PARTIES the decision of the Government of Thailand to accede provisionally to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade in the context of the multilateral trade negotiations pursuant to Article XXXIII of the General Agreement. A final decision on accession will be taken by my authorities having regard, inter alia, to the results of these negotiations.

The Government of Thailand is ready to provide any information with regard to its tariff and trade régime which may be required by contracting parties to the General Agreement and expects that, in connexion with any decision to seek full accession to GATT, tariff negotiations between contracting parties and Thailand will take place in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Tokyo Declaration and the General Agreement concerning the trade interests of developing countries.

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