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The Director-General has received the following communication dated 3 November 1978 from the representative of the Philippines.

You will recall that the Philippines acceded provisionally to the General Agreement in 1973 and in the Declaration on the provisional accession of the Philippines (L/3909) it was provided, inter alia, that in the event of full accession under the provisions of Article XXXIII of the General Agreement, arrangements for tariff negotiations between contracting parties and the Philippines would be conducted within the context of the multilateral trade negotiations, i.e. the concessions made by the Philippines for full accession to GATT will be made by means of "contributions" to the MTN. The Philippines has, of course, been an active participant throughout these negotiations together with the other developing countries, particularly 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 the Philippines to seek full accession to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade within the framework of the multilateral trade negotiations.

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