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PROVISIONAL ACCESSION OF COLOMBIA

The Director-General has received the following communication from the representative of Colombia requesting a further extension of the Declaration on Provisional Accession, dated 23 July 1975, which will expire on 31 December 1978.

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I have the honour to inform you that the Government of Colombia requests the extension, for an additional period, of the Declaration of 23 July 1975 on the Provisional Accession of Colombia to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, which is due to expire on 31 December of this year.

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To facilitate consideration of this request at the next Council meeting, the secretariat has drawn up a draft procès-verbal extending the Declaration on Provisional Accession and a draft decision prolonging the invitation to Colombia to participate in the work of the CONTRACTING PARTIES. These drafts are annexed hereto.

A note on the present status of the Declaration is also annexed.

ANNEX 1

Second Procès-Verbal Extending the Declaration on  
the Provisional Accession of Colombia

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The parties to the Declaration of 23 July 1975 on the Provisional Accession of Colombia to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (hereinafter referred to as "the Declaration" and "the General Agreement", respectively),

Acting pursuant to paragraph 4 of the Declaration,

Agree that

1. The validity of the Declaration is extended by changing the date in paragraph 4 to "31 December 1980".
2. This Procès-Verbal shall be deposited with the Director-General to the CONTRACTING PARTIES to the General Agreement. It shall be open for acceptance, by signature or otherwise, by Colombia and by the participating governments. It shall become effective between the Government of Colombia and any participating government as soon as it shall have been accepted by the Government of Colombia and such government.
3. The Director-General shall furnish a certified copy of this Procès-Verbal and a notification of each acceptance thereof to the Government of Colombia and to each contracting party to the General Agreement.

Done at Geneva this ..... day of .....,  
one thousand nine hundred and seventy-eight in a single copy in the English,  
French and Spanish languages, each text being authentic.

ANNEX 2

Further Extension of the Decision of 23 July 1975 Inviting  
Colombia to Participate in the Work of the CONTRACTING PARTIES

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Considering that the parties to the Declaration of 23 July 1975 on the Provisional Accession of Colombia to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade are taking steps, pursuant to paragraph 4 of that Declaration, to extend the period of validity of the Declaration;

The CONTRACTING PARTIES

Decide to extend the period of validity of the Decision of 23 July 1975, which provided for the participation of Colombia in the work of the CONTRACTING PARTIES, until the Government of Colombia accedes to the General Agreement under the provisions of Article XXXIII or until 31 December 1980, whichever date is earlier.

ANNEX 3

Status of Provisional Accession

The Declaration on the Provisional Accession of Colombia, which was extended by the Procès-Verbal of 12 November 1976 until 31 December 1978, is in force between Colombia and the following Governments which have accepted both the Declaration and the Procès-Verbal:

Australia	Korea
Austria	Netherlands
Brazil	Romania
Cuba	South Africa
Czechoslovakia	United States
Japan	

The following Governments, having accepted the Declaration, have so far not accepted the Procès-Verbal:

Argentina	Nicaragua
Chile	Peru
Egypt	Poland
Finland	Sweden
France	Trinidad and Tobago