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The Director-General has received the following communication from the Government of Mexico.

Since the beginning of the Multilateral Trade Negotiations in September 1973, Mexico has been participating fully therein, seeking expansion of its trade and better conditions for this trade.

Given the present stage of those negotiations and in order that Mexico's contribution to them may have the character of trade negotiations for accession to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, under Article XXXIII thereof, I wish to communicate to you the Mexican Government's decision to initiate negotiations with the CONTRACTING PARTIES with a view to possible accession to that instrument.

I wish to inform you that Mexico hopes that the conditions of entry will be governed by the principles in favour of developing countries set forth in the General Agreement and in the Ministerial Declaration signed at Tokyo, Japan on 14 September 1973, in such a way as to contribute to the effective solution of its problems and to allow full implementation of its economic and social development policies.

I should also like to advise you that the possible accession of Mexico to the General Agreement will depend on the terms arising from the relevant negotiations and on the final results of the Multilateral Trade Negotiations, particularly as regards special and differential treatment in favour of developing countries.