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PROVISIONAL ACCESSION OF TUNISIA

The Director-General has received the following communication from the representative of Tunisia requesting a further extension of the Declaration on Provisional Accession which, under the Eleventh Procès-Verbal dated 11 November 1977, will expire on 31 December 1979.

I have the honour to advise you that the Tunisian Government requests a further extension of the Declaration of 12 November 1959 on the Provisional Accession of Tunisia to GATT, due to expire on 31 December 1979.

Tunisia is currently examining the most adequate means and procedures with a view to full accession to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, and the extension would allow the Tunisian authorities to make a better study in regard to definitive accession to GATT.

In the hope that the request by the Tunisian Government will receive your support and the approval of the CONTRACTING PARTIES, I request you to accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

To facilitate consideration of this request at the thirty-fifth session, the secretariat has drawn up, as requested by the Council, a draft procès-verbal extending the Declaration on Provisional Accession and a draft decision prolonging the invitation to Tunisia 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

Twelfth Procès-Verbal Extending the Declaration on
the Provisional Accession of Tunisia

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The parties to the Declaration of 12 November 1959 on the Provisional Accession of Tunisia to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (hereinafter referred to as "the Declaration" and "the General Agreement", respectively,

Acting pursuant to paragraph 6 of the Declaration,

Agree that

1. The validity of the Declaration is extended by changing the date in paragraph 6 to "31 December 1981".
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 Tunisia and by the participating governments. It shall become effective between the Government of Tunisia and any participating government as soon as it shall have been accepted by the Government of Tunisia 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 Tunisia and to each contracting party to the General Agreement.

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

ANNEX 2

Further Extension of the Decision of 12 November 1959 Inviting
Tunisia to Participate in the Work of the CONTRACTING PARTIES

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Considering that the parties to the Declaration of 12 November 1959 on the Provisional Accession of Tunisia to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade are taking steps, pursuant to paragraph 6 of that Declaration, to extend further the period of validity of the Declaration:

The CONTRACTING PARTIES

Decide to extend further the period of validity of the Decision of 12 November 1959, which provided for the participation of Tunisia in the work of the CONTRACTING PARTIES, until the Government of Tunisia accedes to the General Agreement under the provisions of Article XXXIII or until 31 December 1981, whichever date is earlier.

ANNEX 3

Status of Provisional Accession

The validity of the Declaration of 12 November 1959 was extended by the Eleventh Procès-Verbal of 11 November 1977 until 31 December 1979.

The Declaration is in force between Tunisia and the following Governments which have accepted both the Declaration and the Eleventh Procès-Verbal:

Austria	Germany, F.R.	Pakistan
Brazil	Japan	Poland
Czechoslovakia	Korea	Romania
Denmark	Netherlands	United States

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

Australia	Indonesia	Norway
Belgium	Israel	Peru
Canada	Ivory Coast	Senegal
Central African Republic	Jamaica	Sierra Leone
Chad	Kenya	Spain
Chile	Kuwait	Sri Lanka
Cuba	Luxembourg	Sweden
Cyprus	Madagascar	Switzerland
Dahomey	Malawi	Tanzania
Egypt	Malaysia	Turkey
Finland	Malta	United Kingdom
France	Mauritius	Uruguay
Ghana	New Zealand	Yugoslavia
Greece	Niger	
India	Nigeria	

The following Governments, having succeeded to the Declaration, have not accepted the Eleventh Procès-Verbal:

Barbados	Guyana	Uganda
Gambia	Trinidad and Tobago	Upper Volta