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Notification by the Government of Egypt

The following communication, dated 3 October 1980, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Egypt.

I take pleasure to refer to the Protocol of Accession to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade of the Arab Republic of Egypt dated 27 February 1970^{1/} and the reservation therein related to the maintenance of an economic development tax at rates not exceeding the rates in force on the date of the Protocol.

After consultation with the Egyptian authorities, we found out that the authorities in Cairo are of the opinion to maintain the economic development tax for another five-year period ending December 1985 as it will correspond with a third five year development plan.

It will be very much appreciated if this could be brought to the attention of the CONTRACTING PARTIES in November 1980.

This notification will be considered by the Council at its next meeting.

^{1/} BISD, 17th Supplement, page 2.