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Attendance at Thirty-Eighth Session

The following communication has been received from the Permanent Secretariat of the Latin American Economic System.

I have pleasure in referring to the Latin American Co-ordination Meeting held at Geneva from 4-6 October 1982 in connection with the meeting of the CONTRACTING PARTIES to GATT at ministerial level, on which occasion it was decided to recommend that the Permanent Secretariat of the Latin American Economic System (LAES) participate with observer status in the Ministerial meeting.

To this end, I am writing to request you to take the necessary action so that the Permanent Secretariat of LAES may have the possibility of participating with observer status in the deliberations of the thirty-eighth session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES, and I would appreciate your communicating to us the decisions taken on this request.