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The following communication, dated 30 September 1983, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Guatemala.

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The Permanent Mission of Guatemala presents its compliments to the Director-General of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) and, with reference to his Note 585/GATT/83 of 7 July 1983, has the honour to reiterate the interest of Guatemala in attending, in the capacity of Permanent Observer, the meetings of the Council and the subsidiary bodies of your institution.

As the Director-General is aware, Guatemala is a party to the Multifibre Agreement and recently deposited the instrument of accession to the Agreement on Bovine Meat, which entered into force for Guatemala on 4 August 1983. It is also invited to participate in various meetings of the Agreements and is a member of the Informal Committee of Developing Countries.

The above shows Guatemala's growing interest in continuing to strengthen its links with GATT which may enable it in the future to examine the possibility of being a contracting party to the highly important General Agreement.

The Permanent Mission of Guatemala avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Director-General of GATT the assurances of its high consideration.