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EL SALVADOR - REQUEST FOR OBSERVER STATUS

The following communication, dated 2 November 1983, has been received from the Permanent Mission of El Salvador.

On the instructions of my Government, I have pleasure in writing to inform you that in view of the fact that the Government of El Salvador has a special interest in developing its links with GATT, more particularly in order to examine the possibility and desirability of becoming a contracting party to the General Agreement, El Salvador is hereby requesting permanent observer status at meetings of the Council and its subsidiary bodies.

As you know, El Salvador is a party to the Multifibre Arrangement and is a member of the informal group of developing countries.

I hope that this request will receive a positive response.