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COSTA RICA - REQUEST FOR OBSERVER STATUS

The following communication, dated 24 April 1984, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Costa Rica.

The Permanent Mission of Costa Rica to the Office of the United Nations and the international organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Director-General of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) and has the honour to inform him that the Government of the Republic of Costa Rica, considering the interest which our country has in the activities of that international organization, has decided to request observer status at meetings of the Council and the subsidiary hodies of that institution.

The idea of the Government of Costa Rica of first obtaining observer status is related to the conscientious study of what will subsequently constitute the basis for possible accession as a contracting party to the General Agreement.

The Permanent Mission of Costa Rica avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Director-General of GATT the assurances of its highest consideration.