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ALGERIA - REQUEST FOR OBSERVER STATUS

The following communication, dated 23 May 1984, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Algeria.

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By reason of having been part of the customs territory of the former administrating power and that of the Community, my country acquired its present status as one of the countries that apply the GATT rules de facto until such time as they have defined their trade policy.

My Government wishes to preserve that status for the time being and to apply de facto more effectively the rules of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade pending a forthcoming definition of its trade policy in the sense of closer and more effective co-operation with the organization and the contracting parties, and accordingly would wish to have the status of a permanent observer in the deliberations and work of the principal GATT bodies.

I feel sure that this request will be examined with interest and that you and the CONTRACTING PARTIES will agree to it.