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Addendum

The following communication, dated 6 July 1984, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Algeria.

I have the honour to refer to my letter of 23 May 1984, circulated to the contracting parties in document L/5656, by which I informed you of my Government's wish to acquire observer status.

With a view to the meeting of the Council of Representatives on 11 July, I should like to state that my Government's request should be seen in the perspective of the definition of its trade policy that has been commenced since the GATT Ministerial meeting in November 1982. Since that date, my Government has undertaken a preliminary economic and technical study in order to evaluate the advantages of greater participation in GATT's activities which should allow it, at an appropriate time and once all the necessary conditions are present, to envisage the desirability of accession to the General Agreement under the arrangement that seems to it most suitable.

It is in this perspective that my Government wishes to obtain observer status so as to be able to follow with interest the work and deliberations of the CONTRACTING PARTIES, the Council of Representatives and the Committee on Trade and Development. I feel sure that these explanations will be useful to the contracting parties and will allow them better to evaluate our request.