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LATIN AMERICAN ECONOMIC SYSTEM - REQUEST FOR OBSERVER STATUS

The following communication, dated 20 September 1984, has been received from the Latin American Economic System:

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I have the honour to write to you with the request that the Latin American Economic System (SELA) be granted observer status at the sessions of the CONTRACTING PARTIES to the GATT as well as those of the Council.

As you know, the Latin American Economic System has long been following the work of the GATT, and the Latin American Council, its highest organ, recently instructed its permanent secretariat to study these activities systematically.

We therefore consider it necessary to establish a formal relationship with your organization by means of observer status, which we are sure will be of benefit to the 26 member States of the SELA.