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CHINA - REQUEST FOR OBSERVER STATUS

The following communication, dated 24 October 1984, has been received from the Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China.

I have the honour to inform you that the Government of the People's Republic of China requests the Council of Representatives of GATT to agree to the People's Republic of China attending meetings of the Council and its subordinate bodies pursuant to the existing procedures of the Council. The possibility of attending such meetings would facilitate a decision by the People's Republic of China on membership in GATT following its recent accession to the MFA. Meanwhile, I would also like to reaffirm that this request is without prejudice to the position of the Government of the People's Republic of China with regard to its legal status vis-à-vis GATT.

I would very much appreciate if you could inform me, as soon as possible, of the decision made by the Council on this matter.