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Request for Observer Status

The Director-General has received from the Permanent Representative of the USSR at UNO Office and other international organizations in Geneva the following communication, dated 7 March 1990.

This is to inform you that the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics wishes to obtain the status of an observer at sessions of Contracting Parties and the Council of Representatives of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

In order to examine the prerequisites of a future accession to the GATT, the Government of the USSR would like to get acquainted with the methods of work of various GATT bodies and to be able to keep GATT Contracting Parties regularly informed of the process of restructuring the economy of the Soviet Union.

I would appreciate if the request for the observer status could be considered by the Council at its next meeting.

The request by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics will be included in the agenda of the meeting of the Council on 3 April 1990.