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The following communication dated 27 January has been received from the head of the Yugoslav delegation in Geneva.

On the basis of the Declaration of 13 November 1962 and the Decision of the same date concerning the participation of Yugoslavia in the work of the CONTRACTING PARTIES, my country has the status of a provisional member of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. The validity of the Declaration and the Decision expires at the end of this year.

Accordingly, I have the honour to inform you that my Government has decided to participate in the Kennedy negotiations with a view to its full accession to the General Agreement.

My Government expects that the terms of participation of Yugoslavia as a less-developed country in the trade negotiations and its accession to the GATT will be governed by the principles and decisions adopted at the meeting of Ministers in May 1963 and in May 1964 and the provisions of the new chapter on trade and development, as well as by the general conditions of participation in the Kennedy Round to be set for the less-developed contracting parties.

The Yugoslav Government is convinced that its decision will promote the realisation of the purposes set forth in the Declaration of 13 November 1962 and that it will make a contribution to the objectives of the General Agreement.

Finally, I have the honour to communicate that, in view of the foregoing, my Government expects also that the validity of the said Declaration and Decision will be further extended, if the Kennedy negotiations are not completed by the end of this year.

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