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Notification by the Government of the United Arab Republic

The following communication has been received from the representative of the Government of the United Arab Republic.

I have the honour to refer to my communication of 27 October 1965 transmitting the initial offer of the United Arab Republic for the Kennedy Round of trade negotiations, in which it is stated that this offer is intended to cover the negotiations for the accession of the United Arab Republic to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

On the occasion of transmitting this offer, and in the light of paragraph 1(a) of Article XXXV and of the ruling by the Chairman of the CONTRACTING PARTIES on 31 May 1949 (BISD Vol.II, page 35) to the effect that delegations will be deemed to have entered into negotiations when they have exchanged lists of offers, my Government wishes to notify you that it has never applied the General Agreement to Israel during the period of the United Arab Republic provisional accession and that upon the United Arab Republic's accession under Article XXXIII of the General Agreement, it is its intention to invoke the provisions of Article XXXV in respect of Israel. It follows that it is my Government's wish that its offers should not be transmitted to the Government of Israel.

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