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The following communication, dated 7 June 1985, has been received from the Embassy of the People's Republic of Bangladesh in Brussels.

The Government of Bangladesh is now taking all necessary steps to switch over to the proposed GATT Valuation System for which preparatory steps may now be taken. The Embassy however would like to mention that this switch over would require an appreciable level of proficiency in the technicalities etc. to make it worthwhile. One step in this regard would be to expose concerned officers of Customs of Bangladesh to the customs system and procedures of advanced countries like the United States, the EEC, Canada, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, etc. which will help the country's administration to be acquainted with the customs formalities in the transaction value system.

The Embassy thanks the GATT secretariat for taking notice of the Bangladesh Government's decision and would be grateful if the Embassy is advised about the procedural steps to be taken for transition to the new system. The Embassy would also like to request the GATT secretariat to create opportunities for the exposure of the customs officers of Bangladesh to the customs techniques of advanced countries and also to ensure their participation in valuation seminars, training courses, workshops and meetings.